

AMPOL CUP RESULTS, DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Hakoah

1 (0)
Baartz 60 min.

WESTS

1 (0)
Lindsay 65 min.

Safeway

1 (1)
Rigby 14 min.

Yugal-Prague

1 (1)
Wilson (own goal) 31 min.

St. George

1 (0)
Herron 45 min.

Marconi

1 (0)
Robertson 37 min.

Auburn

2 (0)
Keddie 40 min., Leak 47 min.

Canterbury

1 (0)
Pocock 60 min.

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ROTHMANS - HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL

1973 World Champions

NETHERLANDS vs.

AUSTRALIA 4.30 p.m.

1971 World Champions

P. Hellenic

5 (2)
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Sutherland

2 (2)
Trall 3 and 10 (penalty mins.)

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TOTAL: 37. Coach: D. McLaren.

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Tuinman 5, Boskovski 4, McDonald 4, Velkovski 4, Nacicovic 4, Rootsey 3, J. Alagich 3, Mihajlovic 3, Takac 4, Serdarevic 4, Skerovski 3 (M. Alagich 59 min.).

TOTAL: 38. Coach: S. Dacevski.

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TOTAL: 40. Coach: L. Baumgartner.

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Hoszowski 4, Lawson 3, Hughes 3, Gibson 3 (replaced Malone 15 min.), Hucker 4, Leak 4, Quested 4, Stewart 4, Dellar 2, Keddie 4, Parker 2.

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SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

A drab, disappointing match with Western Suburbs, if anything, the better team. A draw, however, was a fair result as there was practically nothing separating the two sides. There was little goalmouth action to thrill spectators, because play was mainly centred in midfield, which turned out to be both teams' strongest department. Hakoah still have a long way to go before they recapture the fluency usually associated with their play. Wests played with greater cohesion, but it is obvious they won't fire on all cylinders until they acquire strikers with greater finishing powers. Possibly the most pleasing aspect of the match was the impeccable refereeing of Frank Sbisa, who was in charge of his 350th match — a milestone in any referee's career. Crowd: 3,880 (double-header). Referee: F. Sbisa.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

An own goal four minutes before halftime enabled Yugal-Prague to draw level and share the points. A long through-ball by Nacicovic meant for Joe Alagich miscued off Peter Wilson's boot and flew high over the advancing goalkeeper, Hesford, in the back of the net. Earlier, Rigby had given United the lead when he put a corner straight past Jan Tuinman, who otherwise was in rare form and the best player on the field. Safeway's forward line faltered somewhat against a far from unbreachable Yugal defence. Yugal-Prague fought very tenaciously and played with tremendous spirit. The match had the crowd roaring most of the time as there was plenty of action throughout.

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St. George and Marconi, both surprisingly well conditioned so early in the season, turned on a thriller. The combination of Jim Herron and Johnny Warren in the striking position played havoc at times with the Marconi defence, which was caught on several occasions going the wrong way. Saints moved the ball with plenty of speed and accuracy, but split-second clearances by the determined Marconi defenders saved "certain" goals. After a scoreless first half, Stuart Robertson, moving behind the forwards, put Marconi on top with a tremendous shot from 12 metres out, but in an equally bold effort Jim Herron slid past three defenders before slamming the ball past Bill Murray. Herron and Warren were best for St. George, while Campbell and Moschen were the pick of Marconi.

Crowd: 3,008 (double-header). Referee: T. Davies.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Auburn dominated this game and deserved to beat newcomers Canterbury by the odd goal in three. Despite shedding most of their "stars" for a lot of cash during the off-season, Auburn hardly looked the worst for it and coach Joe Marston would have been more than pleased with the initial performance of his new charges. Dave Keddie and Gary Quested — the latter coming in after a two-year absence — lacked in condition, but were still a menace in attack. Keddie scored the first goal minutes into the second half from a high lob by Hughes which caught the Berries' rearguard napping and Quested laid the second for Stephen Leak in great style. After four years in the doldrums, Canterbury require several additions, particularly in midfield. Their only sparks were full-back Greg Brown and new signing Larry Armatyge, whose efforts lifted them above the average at times.

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Sutherland's condition wilted in the heat. Sutherland twice took the lead in the first period through industrious Derek Trail, but a Hellenic win was always "on." Sutherland fielded a very young team, which included several second and third graders from 1973, who fought gallantly, but were no match for better conditioned and far more experienced opponents. Star of the match was undoubtedly Gary Manuel, who not only scored one goal, but set up two more with the style that made him such an exciting player in his Prague days. Roko Ille is another player who contributed to Pan Hellenic's second half revival, which coincided with the former Yugal forward's substitution of Fieldhouse. It's been a long time since Hellenic have scored five goals, but they will have to confirm against stronger opposition.

Crowd: 5,422 (double-header). Referee: G. Warne.

— LOU GAUTIER

WORLD CUP BONANZA?

Australia's share of the World Cup profits will be much less than everybody expected.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre said this week that Australia "would be lucky to receive \$140,000 from the organisers if we did not survive the first round matches."

"Once we have repaid all debts incurred in preparing the team for the finals, we'll be doing well to show a clear profit of \$75,000 on the entire World Cup project."

Harry's chance?

Harry Williams could come into the Australian team against Ferencvaros if St. George-Budapest team-mate Doug Utjesenovic is still injured.

Williams, however, would play in his usual position at left back, with Co Curran switching to the right.

Australian coach Rale Basic, who watched a couple of Bundesliga matches in Germany this month, believes that the dashing Williams, now playing the best football of his career, is the type of player Australia will need in the World Cup.

Though Basic is understandably reluctant to speculate on what the team against Ferencvaros in Adelaide on February 6 will be until he watches more Ampol Cup games and sees how the players shape up at training, don't be surprised if it reads something like:

Prager, Curran, Wilson, Schaefer, Williams — Richards, Mackay, Rooney, Baartz — Alston (or Campbell), Buljevic.

Basic is more than ever convinced that Australia will have to play in a 4-4-2 formation in Germany, using only two strongly-built, ball-playing strikers, if we are to perform reasonably. — L. G.

persija win final match

Persija came to learn, their leaders General Soekendro and Dr. Hinszor repeated frequently at functions throughout their NSW tour.

Persija certainly drummed a 4-0 lesson in the first

Yugoslavs. They are brother against good opposition, the Roman Petelinak, Roman and parton while Rudi is retained Northern NSW 4-2.

For tactics and sheer skill

Wallsend encounter pro

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German touring side Grue

and some glorious through

alls along the carpet gave

the strikers the ball just where

they can deal with it

All indications are that the

group work of a sincere and

lasting friendship with Indo-

nesia has been laid at the

sporting level.

Western Suburbs lost a

little money on their unpre-

dicted January venture, but

the gains are incalculable.

• Persija 3 (Iswadi, As-

mara, Sumitra) v. Western

Suburbs 3 (Turner, Smyth,

Rachman Halim) own goal at

Marks Field.

• Persija 2 (Iswadi, Ri-

sidanto) v. ACT 2 (Valeri 2)

at Queanbeyan.

• Persija 4 (Asmara, Ri-

sidanto, Sumitra) d. North-

ern NSW 2 (Cummings, Tra-

re) at Wallsend. — K. G.

ENGLISH SCHOOLBOYS WILL TOUR

Australian schoolboy football is poised ready to receive a great boost following completion of negotiations with the English Schools Football Association by John Churchill.

Mr. Churchill, a director of Western Suburbs Soccer Club and a former schoolmaster, returned to Sydney last Thursday after five weeks in England.

He issued an invitation to the English Association to tour here in July, and a favorable recommendation goes to their Council from the Executive on January 29.

"I am 99.5% certain that England will accept the tour," Churchill said.

BREAKTHROUGH

The breakthrough will have a remarkable effect on schools football if, as expected, it comes to pass.

The English Schools FA can call on 15,000 schools for their representative team, which is in demand speaks volumes for the co-

"Every aspect was thrashed out in our meetings and there is complete agreement at executive level."

from many parts of the world.

Wests' willingness to pay the fares, which would later be recouped from gate receipts, took the ifs and buts out of the negotiations.

Profits would be used in expansion of the schoolboy game.

The English schools team will be under-15 on January 1, 1974.

As they work to age groups at August 31 it

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— By KEITH GILMOUR —

AUBURN STILL LOOKING FOR TOP MIDFIELDER

Despite their 2-1 victory over Canterbury in the first Ampol Cup match last week, Auburn are still in search of a midfielder to strengthen the team for the 1974 season.

Coach Joe Marston tried stopper Jim Stewart in that role last Friday with some success, but the opposition perhaps was not an ideal guide.

Auburn had their hopes pinned on signing Safeway's Gerry Walker, but on his return from Hong Kong, Walker went straight to his old club despite an understanding that he would talk to Auburn.

Talented goalie

Steve Hoszowski, 23, is one of the most talented goalkeepers in the business and his move to a First Division club was a wise one if he is to further his career.

His consistent displays over the last two years have established him as the leading goalkeeper in Second Division and once he settles down in his new surroundings will make his presence felt in First Division, too.

Yet, Auburn's biggest gain is the return to the fold of young winger Gary Quested, who at the peak of his career, went out with an injury three years ago and completely lost interest in the game.

Although lacking in condition, his performance last Friday night showed that Gary lost none of his agility, and his speed combined with superb ball control, in his runs on the wing would be once again a great asset for Auburn.

Dave Keddie, just back from his honeymoon, has been training harder this year and Auburn expect many goals from him.

— CHARLES SPITERI



GARY QUESTED

Marston said this week: "Walker would have been the ideal man for us as he favors the style of football we play."

During the off-season Auburn sold John McDonald to St. George, Billy Rogers to APIA and Andy Tracey to Hakoah, which has left them in the lurch.

However, they acquired dashing centre-forward Pat Dollar in the swap with APIA and bought talented goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski.

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HOCKEY — AJAX STYLE

With no soccer scheduled for next Monday — Australia Day — soccer fans have an opportunity to watch some top hockey at Sydney Sportsground.

Monday is a great day for hockey — soccer's cousin — in Sydney. In addition to the test between the Netherlands and Australia (at 4.30 p.m.) fans will be treated to an early match (3 p.m.) between Pakistan and NSW.

The Netherlands and also West Germany were the first sides to introduce modern soccer formations to hockey in the early sixties.

With the three-man off-side rule the European teams tended to field a formation of one sweeper, three full-backs, two midfielders and four forwards.

The change to two-man off-side proved this system ineffective, so Holland adopted the formation used by the famous Ajax soccer team of four forwards, three midfielders and three full-backs.

So successful has this been for the Netherlands that they were the shock winners of the 1973 World Cup held in Amsterdam.

The Pakistanis, who also play four tests against Australia on this dual international tour, by contrast, have continued to use the traditional five forwards, three halves and two full-backs pattern which went out of fashion in soccer in the mid-1950's.

Ferencvaros reception

St. George-Budapest will entertain the touring Ferencvaros party at Soccer House at 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 10.

Members are invited to attend, but are restricted to taking only one friend along as admittance to the function will be limited to 400 people.

There is no charge, but it will be a case of first come, first served, so members are advised to leave their name at the club or phone the reception desk immediately to avoid disappointment.

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The operation received that the far better known and infinitely bigger organisation was prepared to change its normal routine to accommodate us.

The English schools team's last match before the Australian tour will be against the West Germans at Wembley on June 1, and a crowd of over 70,000 is expected.

The English team is close to being chosen.

John Churchill witnessed one of the final trials at Reading between South East and South West on January 12.

North East and North West play on January 29, leaving only North to play South before the side will be finalised.

Glyn Evans, the ESFA secretary, said that selections will be made with an eye to those players whose age fits them for the Australian tour.

John Churchill classed the English players as young amateurs who have all the qualities of top professionals, and they read the game beautifully.

In that sense he considers their players are 12 months ahead of our boys.

However, they lose a little by failing to shoot until everything is organised and completely tidy.

ROBUST

Mr. Churchill believes that our boys could bridge the gap by being faster and more robust, and through their willingness to let fly with a scorching whether within range or outside it.

One stipulation made by him was that the top echelon of the English schools executive accompany the team, together with their leading coach.

In this way contact will be established at the right level. Australian conditions will be known and the foundation laid for a regular exchange of visits.

The matches are subject to finalisation but fixtures against NSW (Sydney), Northern NSW (Newcastle), Southern NSW (Wollongong) and Western NSW at Orange or Bathurst are likely to be played.

It will be up to the schools authorities to arrange for a full international if they wish to.

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NSW president Peter McCann and ASF treasurer Tom Grimson were delighted when informed of the apparent success of the mission.

It is noteworthy that progress made has been at the English Schools and not the English Football Association level.

On the basis of top promotion, the writer firmly believes that a Saturday Sydney Cricket Ground Australia-England schoolboy international should and could draw 40,000-50,000 people.

Let's hope that everything comes off as per the Churchillian master plan.

A little time will tell.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Second round Ampol Cup fixtures for this Saturday night at Olympic Park are:

• Wilhelmina v. Slavia

• Alexander v. George Cross

Wilhelmina, despite their good rating and potential, flattered to deceive in 1973, but they are the battle in the scramble for success of any side. Dutchman Leo Van Tol if he lives up to his reputation, could be the answer to Wilhelmina's prayer as they have lacked a good class midfield man for years.

Slavia, great cup fighters in their long and earlier stint in the State League, came back into top company last season after a year in the minor ranks and looked for the first few weeks when they topped the league as if they were to be a force to be reckoned with.

In both defence and attack, however, they need an infusion of new blood.

A team of triers, with long-serving Swedish defender Alan Sjo and striker Eddie Boyd the pick, this attribute is not enough to guarantee this season will be as good as last without new signings.

"INTOXICATED"

Alexander, somewhat "intoxicated" by their many fine wins and big improvement in 1973, are one of the few sides who have already strengthened their first team.

Ronnie Brown, a scoring winger who gave them several years' service before returning to Scotland two years ago after a bad leg injury, is back in their ranks fighting fit and makes that formidable "all tartan" quintet of John Kennedy, Vince Bannon (Rothman's Medal winner in 1973), Pat Bannon, George Gillan and Ian Gibson into an even better sextet.

With Joe Wilson, the former Wolves and Woking fullback installed as player-coach, reports from the George Cross camp are the players are responding well and keen to start off the season on a bright note.

The Cross, with the biggest contingent of Irishmen among the top clubs in Australia with Norman Mainland, Paul Murphy, Kevin Kelly and Frank McArdle, will lean heavily on this Emerald Isle quartet although the return of the brilliant John Gardiner will be anxiously awaited.

In last Saturday's opening round of the Ampol Cup Melbourne beat South Melbourne-Hellas 1-0 and Juventus defeated Polonia 3-1.

Scorer for Melbourne, from a penalty, was Steve Bleskany.

C. Lucchesi (2) and De Marchi netted for Juventus and Wiira scored for Polonia.

TOP RECRUITS

Metropolitan League side Richmond, once a State League team, have signed two highly-rated recruits in Chino Sulaiman, from Malaysia, and John Judge, from England.

Tony Boggi, who recently resigned as coach of Juventus, will be the State team boss for the match against Ferencvaros, which will be played at Olympic Park on Saturday, February 2.

Manny Poulakakis, 50, who came to Australia in 1961, is back in soccer again after his dismissal from South Melbourne-Hellas last year. Manny has taken over Juventus.

Sam Meyer, the Hakoah coach, recently returned from an extended trip to Europe where he linked up with several clubs in France, Holland and Germany to learn the latest techniques of coaching.

DE BRUYCKERE AVAILABLE

Mike De Bruyckere, the former Dutch and Australian international who has coached many clubs in Victoria, has parted company with Ringwood United and is looking for a new club. A jingle to 729-4195 will get any side interested in touch with Mike.

Melbourne have signed two new players, both Yugoslavs. They are brothers and defenders Rudi and Roman Petelinik. Roman has been playing in Shepparton while Rudi is reported to have played in Yugoslav Second Division.

Austria are keen to sign George Maikousis, the Western Suburbs (Victoria) striker who helped himself to a hat-trick in Austria's recent 4-1 win over German touring side Gruenweiss Paderborn in which Billy Vojtek of Croatia (Sydney) also guested for the State League side.

With the long-lost Ronnie Brown back in their ranks, Alexander had hoped to bring back another player of his era — defender Peter Selfe — who joined the Victorian Police Force several years ago when he was on the verge of challenging for a place in the State side. But latest indications are that Selfe will not reappear for Alexander — at least not this year.

Marjan Lopatic, the JUST and State defender who returned to Yugoslavia at the end of last season, is expected back shortly and could be in the Footscray side's line-up for their Ampol Cup game against Melbourne.

Soccer could use the Melbourne Cricket Ground soon. VSF officials are keen to stage some internationals there now that the Aussie Rules people intend to play more often at their own VFL Park headquarters. For starters, the MCG may be used as a training venue for Victorian State teams while awaiting permission to stage a couple of big games on the famous ground.

— JIM COOK

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Coach: T. Anderson.

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Incredibly, it took the expulsion of Vince Radcliffe five minutes after halftime, to revive Western Suburbs' fortunes. Playing with 10 men, Wests went on to dominate a Pan Hellenic team which seemed headed for another win. Pan Hellenic, combining well, were in control in the first half when Gary Manuel had scored a well-taken goal in the 27th minute. Pan Hellenic weakened in the last 20 minutes and were lucky to escape with a draw after conceding a 54th minute goal — a gem scored by the tenacious Lindsay. Wests hit the woodwork twice and generally outran and out fought their tiring opponents. They can be well pleased with the result, which was a moral victory for them.

Crowd: 5,660 (double-header). Referee: P. Rampley.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

Yugal-Prague should have had the game won in the first 10 minutes when Alagich and Serdarevic unforgivably bombed absolute "sitters". Despite Milan Mihajlovic's stupendous fifth minute goal for Marconi, Yugal dominated, and played the better football, in the first half. However, they displayed so little understanding between defence and attack that they were rather easily dispossessed by their tougher, hard-tackling opponents whenever they got near the Marconi goal. Marconi held the upper hand for most of the second half and nobody was really surprised when Brajkovic put the result beyond doubt towards the end of a rather disappointing match which probably put paid to Yugal's semifinal chances.

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Canterbury provided a huge upset by beating the highly-fancied Safeway. United started off in great style, putting together some fine moves, but when Canterbury converted a penalty after only 10 minutes, they lost their rhythm. Poor shooting and on many occasions a tendency to walk the ball into the net put paid to any chance Safeway had of winning. Player-coach Peter Wilson surprised by playing young Brian Dodd at fullback. The promising young striker was all at sea and it didn't take the Berris long to find the weak spot in United's defence. Canterbury not only fought for every ball and backed up splendidly, but they also turned in some imaginative football against stereotyped opposition.

Crowd: 2,423 (double-header). Referee: T. Davies.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

APIA never looked in danger of defeat against weak opposition. Although APIA could only score twice, the score flattered Sutherland as the Ollerton-inspired forward-line had plenty of opportunities to add to their tally. However, they found it hard to pass Alan Maher, who was a tower of strength, in the Sutherland goal. New fullback Ken Jenkins and Jim Rooney were the pick of the APIA team. Rooney's constant running and prompting created many chances and he dominated the midfield completely. Sutherland were in the doldrums most of the match, which is only to be expected with the young players they are obliged to rely upon at the moment.

Crowd: 2,423 (double-header). Referee: H. Witschke.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

The second half produced the best spectacle so far in the Ampol Cup. There was little in a dour first period to enthuse the crowd, but it was a different story after the interval. First, Croatia. Hakoah gained the upper hand and looked set for victory in 35 minutes of dramatic, fluctuating fortunes. Both teams played some great stuff — and scored a magnificent goal apiece, as brilliant as any you could wish to see, by Doyle in the 62nd minute and Baartz in the 50th. Croatia dominated slightly the first half and the first 10 minutes of the second, but after Baartz' equaliser it was all Hakoah and they would have won but for Doyle's wonderful second goal. Five minutes from the end Fletcher missed a penalty, but a draw was an eminently fair result.

Crowd: 4,271 (double-header). Referee: G. Warne.

— LOU GAUTIER

There was no element of luck in Auburn's win. They were the better team on the day and deserved their win, and that's that. Saints were actually lucky not to concede another goal as Gary Quested had a goal controversially disallowed in the 44th minute. St. George have seldom played worse. Throughout the match they only created a handful of scoring chances, all of which were easily dealt with by a solid, well marshalled Auburn defence. Auburn were less prominent in attack, but their breakaways were well mounted and always spelt danger to a shaky St. George defence, which was guilty of several crude fouls — an unmistakable sign of mediocre form. Full marks to Joe Marston for blending five new players into the Auburn team with such outstanding success.

Crowd: 4,271 (double-header). Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

Under-23 tour of Indonesia

The Australian under-23 national team will leave for its three-match tour of Indonesia on March 28, and return on April 7.

The team, which will be coached by Eric Worthington, the national Director of Coaching, will play twice in Jakarta and once in either Surabaya or Bandung.

The party will be managed by Brisbane alderman Ian Brusasco.

The squad will be selected within a fortnight on nominations from every State.

The party will consist of 20 players, most of whom will be challenging for berths in the full Australian team which will undertake a world tour later in the year.

Rule Rasic was offered the coaching post, but declined as he is adamant his national team duties will end once Australia's World Cup commitments are over.

The under-23s have been invited to Indonesia as part of Australia's "cultural" contribution to the Pacific Area Travel Agents' congress which will be held concurrently in the Indonesian capital.

The tour is sponsored by Federal Minister Frank Stewart's department of tourism.

Mr. Stewart is also the Minister for Recreation, which embraces all sporting activities.

— LOU GAUTIER

WORLD CUP SELL-OUTS

Six of the 38 games for the World Cup are already sell-outs.

Here is a run-down of the nine venues:

BERLIN: West Germany v. Chile (June 14) sell-out; Chile v. East Germany (June 18) few tickets left; Australia v. Chile (June 22) plenty of seats available.

HAMBURG: East Germany v. Australia (June 14) plenty of seats; Australia v. West Germany (June 18) sell-out; East Germany v. West Germany (June 22) sell-out.

HANNOVER: Uruguay v. Netherlands (June 15) and Bulgaria v. Uruguay (June 18) plenty of seats available.

GELSENKIRCHEN: Spain v. Yugoslavia v. Zaïre (June 18) and Zaïre v. Brazil (June 22) plenty of seats. For the games in the second final round 70 per cent of standing room tickets are sold.

DORTMUND: Zaïre v. Scotland (June 14), Netherlands v. Sweden (June 19), Bulgaria v. Netherlands (June 23) standing room only.

DUSSELDORF: Sweden v. Bulgaria (June 15), Sweden v. Uruguay (June 23), few seats, but plenty of standing room available.

FRANKFURT: Brazil v. Spain/Yugoslavia (June 13) sell-out, Scotland v. Brazil (June 18) all seats sold, Scotland v. Spain/Yugoslavia (June 22) few seats available, but plenty of standing room. All seats taken for the two second final round games.

STUTTGART: Poland v. Argentina (June 15) plenty of seats; Argentina v. Italy (June 19) a near sell-out; Poland v. Italy (June 23) all seats taken, little standing room.

MUNICH: Italy v. Haiti (June 15), Haiti v. Poland (June 19), Argentina v. Italy (June 23), plenty of tickets. Play-off for third place (July 4) and final (July 7) sell-outs.

NATIONAL LEAGUE A MUST FOR NEWCASTLE

If the National League comes, the city to receive the greatest impetus could be Newcastle — if they are in it!

Newcastle needs the National League to catapult it into the soccer Space Age, for even more than the National League would need Newcastle.

This is the enigma that is Newcastle. This is the city that produced top national team players Col Curran and Ray Baartz, plus the current national youth champion side for a bonus.

Every top bracket coach in Sydney would probably allow that Newcastle has a dozen or more players who could scale the heights — and they would be much better if they received the right training in their mid-teens.

I doubt whether Sydney's 2.5 million could produce the players that Newcastle's 250,000 could, if both had fair access to the leading creative coaches.

Yet, Newcastle wallows through the Hunter Valley mud, sucked down by trying to support 14 First Division teams.

The Newcastle public sees "The Big Match" on the telly, and they are in no doubt of the difference between quality and their own quantity.

OWN GROUNDS

Yet Newcastle clubs own or fully control many of their football grounds, and they work away to find the



RAY BAARTZ

They have suffered from the curse of isolation that, unfortunately, their recently acquired vote on the ASF executive cannot erase.

Their situation is so far behind the sponsored Safeway United that it isn't even a bad joke.

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Safeway beat Persija 4-0 — Newcastle goes down 2-4, to put the story in figures.

A big club drawing on Newcastle's latent soccer support would change all this — but how would Newcastle find the funds and management skills necessary to carry out the task to professional standards?

URGENT TASK

Northern NSW president Alan Lamb told us: "Newcastle could not afford to be out of a National League, if it comes."

Well, Alan, the big question is: "Could they afford to be in it?"

Would the wealthy Adamstown club, and Wallsend, whose licensed club is just turning the corner to better things, support a combined Newcastle venture?

Mr. Lamb, with the aid of his senior executives, has the urgent task of seeking support from the football and licensed clubs and major industries in time to

put in their entry to the proposed National League.

Peter Thraves, English-born teacher at Singleton High School and one of Newcastle's really experienced soccer men, has made a surprisingly high crowd estimate which he believes would support a Newcastle National League side.

Peter visualises 10,000 to 20,000 being drawn to home matches — figures that surely would make Newcastle the best supported soccer club in the country.

I'd have to be more conservative, but an acute awareness of the great potential support that a successful Newcastle team could draw prevents me from classing friend Peter as a dreamer.

The key to Newcastle's success is to unlock its management potential, and let it go from there.

GOLDMINE

Those 14 Newcastle First Division clubs, drawn from Weston to Adamstown and from Swansea to Cessnock, would provide an admirable Newcastle Regional League, and what a goldmine of talent there is in the Newcastle, Macquarie and Cessnock-Maitland Associations awaiting development.

Newcastle has a responsibility for Northern NSW, and in one particular sphere it leads Sydney-based NSW Federation by a mile.

For a suitable overseas team's visit, Tamworth would find a \$5,000 match guarantee, and Armidale, Gunnedah, etc., would each find at least \$1,500.

North Coast towns would come in as well.

Could NSW be getting cracking to line something up for the country?

A combined show by NSW and Northern NSW could do the trick.

Teams such as New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and New Caledonia would be ideal.

PROSPECTS

Looking around Newcastle at the moment, Steve Werrin looks a prospect. He has gone on from Toronto-Awaba to West Wallsend, and Western Suburbs could be interested. Seventeen goals from 15 matches in 1973 is good shooting.

Young Graham Bull, tall and strong, moves into space in the John Doyle fashion, oozing confidence in his every action.

Hamilton Azzurri's Ian Stone is learning the arts in England, and recently spent a period with Stoke.

Yes, the talent is there in abundance.

But, as it is, the future is in Newcastle's own hands.

Will they find the administration to become a first-class soccer power, or will they remain the behind-the-times country cousins who merely produce players for the big clubs of Sydney?

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

MALTESE PLAYERS TO STRENGTHEN EAGLES

In an effort to gain promotion to First Division next season, Melita Eagles have signed two First Division Maltese players and are expected to sign a third within the next few days.

The Eagles have already acquired Charlie "Noni" Borg, from Hamrun Spartans, and left winger Peter-Paul Sciberras, from Zebbug Rangers.

But the third and perhaps the biggest catch of the season for the Eagles is the signing of Marsa and Malta World Cup centreforward Joe "Il-Faqi" Farrugia, who led the Maltese attack last year in the qualifying rounds of the World Cup.

All three players are young, and are migrating to Australia to settle in this country and not for the purpose of playing soccer here.

Farrugia went to Melbourne and almost joined the Maltese Sunshine-based club, Ajax, but after some reflection he came to Sydney and is ready to play for Melita.

However, since he is an international player, his Maltese club is reluctant to let him go free and Melita and Marsa are at the moment negotiating his release.

This is despite an unwritten understanding that genuine Maltese migrants who come to Australia are allowed a free clearance provided they are retained by the same club when they go home.

Vince Pisani, who incidentally is the longest continuously serving president of any Federation soccer club in Sydney, said this week that Farrugia had to pay £400 to the Marsa Club before he left Malta, which released him from his "lifetime" contract and he was able to leave the island.

"However," Pisani added, "this only released him from his personal contract



JOHN DUFFY

Melita cabled Marsa this week for Farrugia's release and also contacted the Maltese High Commissioner, Joe Forace, at present in Malta, for assistance in getting a clearance.

With three Maltese players on deck, the Eagles can expect the wholehearted support of the Maltese community in Sydney, in the same way as when the club was in First Division.

In the last few years

Melita's support has dwindled through lack of strength, but the infusion of these good forwards would give a boost to their crowds.

Melita have started training at Moore Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but they will shift their training sessions to Camden Oval, St. Peters, on

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Crack Hungarian club side Ferencvaros provide the first overseas opposition of 1974 for the State team when the pair line-up this Saturday night at Olympic Park with an 8.15 p.m. kick-off.

All going well weather-wise, the VSF can expect a gate of about 20,000, and perhaps more.

With Ferencvaros likely to place the emphasis on skill and teamwork, Victoria, despite their previous good showings against overseas sides, have the formidable task ahead of them.

And, in my book, they will need an overdose of luck if they hope to pull off a shock result.

SYDNEY TALENT SCOUTS?

The usual contingent of scouts and officials from top Sydney clubs is expected to be in attendance at the Victoria v. Ferencvaros game. Peter Bourne of SM-Hellas, whose name has been recently linked with Pan Hellenic, Joe Cunningham, the 22-year-old George Cross sharpshooter, and Vince Baunon, the 21-year-old Alexander defender who won the Rothman's Medal last year, are all expected to be under scrutiny.

— O —

Tony Bogg, at present without a club after his recent resignation from Juventus, is coach of the Victorian side for the match against Ferencvaros with Tony Kovac as team manager and John Barclay as assistant-team manager.

— O —

If national coach Ruje Basic is in attendance at the Victoria v. Ferencvaros match on Saturday, he will, of course, be able to run the rule over Jimmy Milisaevic and Branko Buljevic, who are already in the 22-man national squad to prepare for the World Cup finals. With another 18 players still to be selected for West Germany, he may run the rule over Peter Bourne, the brilliant South Melbourne Hellas mid-fielder, Sandy Irvine, who is back bang in top form for Juventus, could also prove his claims for re-inclusion in the Australian squad.

— O —

Slavia and the newly-promoted Mooroolbark are the only two league sides who have no representatives in the 24-man Victorian squad from which the team will be selected to play Ferencvaros.

SWITCH PAYS OFF

The switch from Fridays to Saturdays for this year's Ampol Cup could pay off — if the early matches prove an indication. The 5,000 first night attendance was most gratifying in view of the very high temperature, and also the fact that many of the fans had not at that time returned from their annual vacation. There were glimpses, too, in the play of all four sides that some new and badly-needed approach to the game was in evidence. It's up to the clubs and their players now to go flat out to make the turnstiles click faster and faster.

— O —

Former George Cross defender Derek Ricks, who returned to England shortly after the mid-way stage of the league season last year, is reported to be having trials with lowly Doncaster Rovers in the English Fourth Division.

— O —

George Cross have signed two young English players who have been in Queensland playing with Merton and have also been reported as being interested in Debono, the full-back of Azzurri, in West Australia. The two Merton players were with Workington when the Cross player-coach Joe Wilson was with the English side.

— O —

Alistair Scott, the long-serving Melbourne defender and player-coach last season until the arrival of Juan Schwanner, was absent from their line-up in their opening Ampol Cup win over SM-Hellas. But Melbourne fans needn't worry for Scott has been a late starter every year and he is certain to be ready to challenge for his place back in their big clash with JUST on February 9. However, the big fellow will have his regrets about his non-inclusion in the Victorian team against Ferencvaros as he has been a regular for the State side for many years now.

— O —

Victorian State League coaches for this season are: Footscray-JUST — Cedo Girkovic, George Cross — Joe Wilson (player-coach), Melbourne — Juan Schwanner, Hakoh — Sam Meyer, Wilhelmina, Ken Kontra, Alexander — Con Xanthopoulos, SM-Hellas — John Margaritis, Juventus — Manny Poulakis, Slavia — John Sanchez, Polonia — Richard Gamaski, Austria — Milenko Ruzmir, Mooroolbark — Brian Edgeley (player-coach).

— JIM COOK

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BALINT IS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Several of Florian Albert's international colleagues are also likely to shine here.

Balint, voted Hungary's "Player of the Year" only last December, is the dynamic, skilled, enterprising freekick in the Beckenbauer style.

Playing deep in defence, he is prone to dominate the midfield — and even join the attack.

He is talented enough to play for any club in the world, Bayern and Ajax included.

Juhász is the "blond robot" of the team, an industrious, reliable, aggressive midfielder who may seldom star, but never really flops.

Páncsics, the pillar of the Ferencvaros and Hungarian defence, is extremely fast, a great header and fine distributor.

However, some critics claim Páncsics is too much of a gentleman to be a stopper, being reluctant to rely on anything but the fairest methods.



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— By MIKE RENWICK —

ished performer with a "nose" for goals.

However, his exploits off the field, in the bars of Budapest, twice briefly interrupted his career.

Szoke, a small, blond winger (Szoke actually means blond . . .) has the most stupendous shot in Hungary; he can hit it home on the run, from 50 metres and more.

An orthodox winger, Szoke usually provides the team's rhythm and aggressiveness.

Vépi and Megyesi are most useful defenders, with Vépi the ball-playing type.

The fragile-looking Bránikovits was hailed a few years ago as Albert's heir apparent; even their styles are similar.

He is fast, elusive with fine control and a good shot; however, he lacks "bite" and is unenthusiastic about "mixing" it with hacking defenders.

At the 1972 Munich Olympics, Ferencvaros provided several players to the silver medalwinner Hungarian team: Geczi, Páncsics, Balint, Vépi and Bránikovits.

Last year, in the unsuccessful World Cup

battles, the Hungarian team included Geczi, Juhász, Páncsics, Balint and Szoke.

The players are accompanied by their new coach Jenő Dalnoki, their veteran masseur, György Doka, tour directors János Harot and Sándor Szilágyi and by team doctor József Juhász.

Dalnoki was a Ferencvaros player in the 1950s. He also played for Hungary many times.

He was in the team that visited Australia in 1957 and Dalnoki's battles against Leo Baumgartner, then here with the Viennese FK Austria, are still vivid in many memories.

The remarkable feature of Ferencvaros has always been its ability to produce its own talent, through the many junior teams.

Of the present squad in Australia, Albert, Balint, Bránikovits, Juhász, Páncsics, Szoke and Vépi are all home-grown products, having been with the club since their earliest teens.

Several of the players will actually celebrate their birthdays while in Australia; Balint was 26 on February 1, Páncsics 30 on February 4 and Szoke will be 27 on February 13.

VICTORIA v. FERENCVAROS 2-3

Hungarians fight back to win after trailing 0-2

Victoria held the visiting Hungarian Ferencvaros as long as their stamina lasted.

It was only in the second half and even then towards the end that the greater ability and superior fitness of the Hungarians told.

The Victorians opened the match sensationally. Buljevic broke through in the third minute, passed to Micevski whose low drive from 10 metres beat Geczi.

In the 25th minute it was already 2-0. Defender Mike Pye, playing a great game in defence, set up a chance for Buljevic whose close-range shot found the target.

Ferencvaros began to rally after the first half hour and in the 31st minute Ku scored, jumping higher than a wall of defenders, heading past Milisavljevic.

After halftime the Victorians were under relentless pressure as the Ferencvaros players began to find their feet.

In the 70th minute Juhász, following through an attack, headed in the equaliser.

From then on the writing was on the wall for the tiring Victorians whose sole preoccupation was with defence.

In the 77th minute Florian Albert came on the field and immediately made his presence felt.

Eight minutes from the end Albert let the winger Szoke go with a precision pass and Szoke's cross was easily converted by Máté for the winner.

Victoria reached dizzy heights in the first hour, but then started to fade.

Ferencvaros, obviously tired after their long journey from Europe, took some time to settle down.

However, in the second half they put on a very good show, giving a display of polished European soccer — somewhat reminiscent of the style of recently visiting Czechoslovak teams.

The game was played in perfect spirit, giving referee Tony Bokšović, who was first-class, absolutely no problems.

Victor: Milisavljevic, Barron, Kazi, Walker, Pye, Gorrie (Bourne), Micic, Bleskany, McArdle (Cole), Micevski, Buljevic.

Ferencvaros: Geczi, Márton, Eipel, Megyesi, Juhász, Balint, Szoke, Bránikovits, Máté, Ku (Albert), Magyar (Mucha).

Crowd: 11,000.

Referee: T. Bokšović.

Best players: Milisavljevic, Pye, Micic, Walker, Buljevic and Micevski for Victoria; Márton, Juhász, Máté and Bránikovits for Ferencvaros. — JIM COOK

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FERENCVAROS' RECORD IN '57

On their last and only previous tour of Australia, in 1957, Ferencvaros trounced Australia to the tune of 6-1 and 9-2!

The Australian team, however, was hardly a representative side because it did not include any players from the then breakaway NSW Federation.

Ferencvaros played 16 matches between June 29 and August 4 for 14 wins, a draw and a loss.

The draw was a 2-2 against the Hong Kong club side, Eastern Athletic, at Wallsend, and their one defeat was in a match at the Sydney Cricket Ground, in front of 22,000 spectators, against FK Austria, who were touring Australia at the same time and included Leo Baumgartner and Karl Jaros in their ranks.

In 1957, Ferencvaros scored 96 goals and conceded 29 on their arduous Australian tour.

This is Ferencvaros' 1957 tour record:

- d. WA 6-1 (Perth)
- d. WA 9-0 (Perth)
- d. SA 13-4 (Adelaide)
- d. Aust. XI 3-0 (Adelaide)
- d. Vic. 6-1 (Melbourne)
- d. Aust. XI 3-2 (Hobart)
- d. FK Austria 3-1 (Melbourne)
- d. Eastern Athletic 8-3 (Sydney) lost to FK Austria 2-3 (Sydney)
- d. Eastern Athletic 10-2 (Brisbane)
- d. South Coast 5-3 (Bulli)
- d. Northern Districts 5-4 (Newcastle)
- d. Queensland 6-1 (Bundaberg)
- d. Australia 6-1 (Sydney)
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St. George

3 (1)

Morgan 4 min., Abonyi 51 min., Stoddart 63 min.

Safeway

0 (0)

has already announced that he would watch as many of his earmarked players as possible before selecting his final squad of 22.

However, West German "public opinion" has already spoken.

According to a poll, this min.

Sutherland

0 (0)

Auburn

0 (0)

Marconi

0 (0)

Hakoah

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

Canterbury

4 (4)

R. Brown 3 and 24 mins., Pocock 6 and 20 mins.

Yugal-Prague

2 (1)

Perry 35 and 54 mins.

A.P.I.A

1 (1)

Rooney 14 min.

WESTS

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Fraser 4, G. Harris 4, Williams 5, Schaefer 4, Coton 5, Stoddart 4, Abonyi 3, McDonald 4, Hamilton 3, Warren 3, Morgan 4.

TOTAL: 43.

Coach: M. Johnson.

Match rating: * * * *

Hesford 4, Roberts 3, Wilson 3, Walker 3 (Dunlop 3), Tuckerman 3, Bingham 3, Fryer 2, McGroarty 3, Tolson 3, Alston 3 (McKinnon 55 min.), Rigby 3.

TOTAL: 33.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Match rating: * * * *

Maher 5, Branson 2, Bennett 3, R. Griffiths 3, Wykes 3, Bourke 3, Johnston 2, P. Smith 4, Suggett 3 (Thompson 2), Trail 3, Cacciola (sent off 25 min.).

TOTAL: 31.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Match rating: * * *

Murray 4, Degney 3, Robertson 4, Mihajlevic 3, Moschen 4, Jones 4, Samuel 2, Campbell 3, Brajkovic 3, A. Griffiths 3, Byrne 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * *

Madeschi 4, Fekete 3, Lynch 3, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 3, Mackay 3, Watson 4, O'Connor 3, Fletcher 3, Baartz 3, Morrow 3.

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: D. Maclaren.

Match rating: * * * *

Maglis 4, Izatt 3, Rudic 4, Barboutis 4, Bell 4, Stowell 3, Muniz 4, Harding 4, Brankin 3, Manuel 4, Buckley 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: Z. Basic.

Match rating: * * * *

Hawthorne 3, G. Brown 4, Hardy 3, Henderson 3, J. Xipolitas 3, Balafas 3, Armitage 4, R. Brown 5, Pocock 5, Mullen 3, Welton 3 (Angelopoulos 41 min.).

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Match rating: * * * *

Hollmick 4 (replaced Tuinman 25 min.), Trkulja 4, McDonald 3, Takac 3, Nacinovic 3, Velkovski 3, Mihajlovic 4, Perry 5 (replaced Serdarevic 25 min.), J. Alagich 3, Selvage 3, Skoric 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

Match rating: * * *

Eaton 4, G. Smith 3, Ferguson 3, Radcliffe 3, Curran 5, Perry 3 (replaced Gray 19 min.), Stone 3, Turner 3, Lindsay 3, Byles 4, Turnbull 3 (Spicerman 43 min.).

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: I. Schenfling.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

St. George completely outclassed Safeway to register their first Ampol Cup win of the season. The Saints marched forward with consummate ease against a United side which lacked pattern or purpose. Safeway only had one shot at goal, which was an indication to the trend of the game. St. George took the lead in the fourth minute through Neville Morgan and could have gone further ahead in the 22nd when a 20-metre freekick by McDonald crashed against the post. Saints, playing crisp, incisive football, tore gaping holes in the Safeway defence. Stoddart scored the goal of the match when he flicked the ball over his head with his right foot, turned and slammed it home with his left foot from a difficult angle 15 metres out. Paul Coton and Harry Williams were imperial in defence, easily subduing the tame United attack. Crowd: 3,589 (double-header). Referee: H. Witschke.

— PAUL POSETTI

Two goals within the space of one minute sank a depleted Sutherland side. Reduced to 10 men after Cacciola was sent off for allegedly kicking Brady in the 25th minute, Sutherland were never really in the race. Only a brilliant exhibition of goalkeeping by Alan Maher kept the score down to 2-0. A poor Sutherland attack rarely troubled Ron Corry while the wandering Billy Vojtek, the ambling Derek Smith and Maurice Sullivan proved a problem for Sutherland throughout. Both Croatia goals came from first-time shots inside the box which Maher couldn't possibly save. Referee Frank Sibsa took the names of seven players in the course of a rugged, but entertaining match. Crowd: 3,589 (double-header). Referee: F. Sibsa.

— PAUL POSETTI

In a game that never reached great heights, but was always interesting, Auburn matched Marconi in both defence and attack and with a little luck could well have snatched a narrow victory. Through their strong midfield trio of Moschen, Robertson and Jones, Marconi dominated the early part of the game, but they confined their play to the midfield with goal shots at a premium. Yet, when Auburn gained possession, mainly through Deller and Quested, they were extremely dangerous and only some incredible misses prevented them from scoring. After the interval Auburn gained the initiative and with good backing Gary Quested opened gaps in the tiring Marconi defence. It was a storming finish by Auburn, but the Marconi defence held well under pressure to deservedly share the points. Crowd: 4,196 (double-header). Referee: P. Rampley.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Hakoah won a reprieve from their first defeat of the season by a disputed disallowed goal (see page 8). There was never any doubt about the superiority of Pan Hellenic. Faster, more methodical, and with abounding determination, Pan Hellenic outplayed their opponents in every department and only some bad misses in front of goal stopped them from collecting both points. Gary Manuel, Dave Harding and Agenor Muniz, playing at the peak of their form and "ball-faced" by a vigorous midfield, were a constant menace to the Hakoah defence. Yet, despite some brilliant attacking movements, Pan Hellenic failed to get the ball into the net for one reason or another. Goalie Saverio Madeschi was the only Hakoah player to come out with full marks with some daring saves to his credit. Crowd: 4,196 (double-header). Referee: A. McKenzie.

— CHARLES SPITERI

An extraordinary match Yugal could easily have drawn despite trailing 0-4 after only 24 minutes! Canterbury had a magnificent start when everything they touched literally turned to goals. Their first four attacks brought as many goals! The Berries played some magnificent football then and looked a champion side in every department. Yugal-Prague were reduced to a rabble and seemed destined for a near-record beating when coach Dacevski brought Sasho Perry on for Serdarevic. Perry sparked off a dramatic Yugal revival with two goals and was in the thick of things as Yugal-Prague threw everything at the weakening opposition. Yugal had enough chances to at least draw level, but managed to miss some open goals. The orgy of first half goals and Yugal's second half near-misses had the crowd on its toes throughout. Crowd: 4,191 (double-header). Referee: G. Warne.

— LOU GAUTIER

A tame affair compared to the exciting early match between Canterbury and Yugal-Prague. APIA, however, deserved their narrow win as they were more methodical than Wests right through. It was only poetic justice that Jim Rooney scored the winning goal as he was APIA's best player. The best individual performance, however, was Col Curran's. His overlapping was sensational and it's no exaggeration to say he was Wests' most dangerous forward! On three occasions goalie John Roberts had to scramble to save the international fullback's scorching drives. APIA, especially in the second half, had several opportunities to increase their lead, but solid defence from Wests and poor finishing nullified their efforts. Lack of imagination in midfield and almost non-existent wing-play were big factors to Wests' downfall. Crowd: 4,191 (double-header). Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

AMPOL TABLES

GROUP "A"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	2	1	—	6	3	5
Pan Hellenic	1	2	—	6	3	4
APIA	2	—	1	4	2	4
Hakoah	—	3	—	3	3	3
Wests	—	2	1	2	3	2
Sutherland	—	3	2	9	9	9

GROUP "B"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	2	1	—	3	1	5
Canterbury	1	2	—	3	5	4
Marconi	1	2	—	3	1	4
St. George	1	1	1	4	2	3
Safeway	—	1	2	6	1	1
Yugal-Prague	—	1	2	3	7	1

Readers' Letters

I find it rather disappointing that you have to resort to articles such as the one titled "Rasic and Ramsey" in your January 25 edition, to fill up space.

Rale Rasic has obviously done great things for Australian soccer and must be commended, but David Bateson does appear to have his facts somewhat out of perspective when commenting on England's performances both past and present.

To say that the England morale was low was not at all apparent during their match against Poland and to state that England could not have survived in front of hostile crowds is to me a ridiculous remark.

English players are used to playing in front of such crowds every week in their own league program.

Although England did not retain the World Cup in 1970 their performances in front of hostile, partisan Mexican crowds were good enough to get them into the quarterfinals.

May I therefore suggest that Mr. Bateson review his mathematics to come up with a more realistic equation than 1 Rasic = 2 Ramsays.

It sounds as if he must have attended the same school as your Mike Renwick!

Everybody knows that England will not be in West Germany in June so let's start reading more about teams Australia will actually have to face.

When Australia eventually play the full English team their fair comparisons can be made.

Good luck to the Australian team!

I. BLOOR,
Double Bay

FIFA PRESIDENT

Why does "Soccer World" so frequently write up Joao Havelange and decry or belittle FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous at least equally often?

I know that you regard Sir Stanley as passe and senile.

But to the best of my knowledge, practically all editorials in "FIFA News" are written by him.

How many persons in the whole world of soccer — regardless of age — can tackle so many vital subjects so clearly and rationally?

No, Sir Stanley is not finished.

I expect him to beat his Brazilian challenger at the next FIFA Congress and retain his presidency.

GARY MAXWELL,

Glenhaven

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AUSTRALIA v. FERENCVAROS 1-2

'Rusty' Socceroos adequate in narrow loss

By MIKE RENWICK

The Australian team's first 1974 showing in Adelaide last Wednesday was adequate considering it was the Socceroos' first outing since they beat South Korea on November 13, 1973, in Hong Kong.

In patches, the team's performance exceeded normal expectations.

If one could find serious faults it was with the slow build-up of the attacks in the midfield and, once again, with the disjointed attack.

Even if one realises that Australia in the World Cup will not be an adventurous attacking side, it must be questioned whether a purely defensive team will be able to survive almost constant pressure without being crushed.

Any defence, no matter how good that it may be, needs some relief from time to time and that must be provided by the strikers able to hold the ball for short periods at least.

In Adelaide, the Australians weren't very good at this.

The 4-4-2 formation (Abonyi and Buljevic being the two strikers) can only work when the midfielders behind the spearheads form an occasional second wave.

It's in this department that Australia must improve urgently.

Australia was perhaps a trifle unlucky to lose the match, in the last seven minutes, after appearing to have the Hungarians' measure.

However, the visitors' better condition told at the finish when they attacked with more resolution against the visibly tiring Socceroos, short of both match practice and stamina at this early part of their season.

Australia can take some comfort from the fact that they played better than against Bulgaria at the corresponding stage last year.

The match was a more than useful exercise, if only to get some of the "cobwebs" and kinks out of the World Cup squad, which badly needed the run.

Peter Wilson, Col Curran, Jim Mackay and Ray Baartz, in that order, were our best players.

Jim Fraser held his ground well, in the face of some dangerous raids in the first half and Milišavlejic was a worthy second half replacement.

The Ferencvaros we saw in Adelaide is a useful, technically fairly accomplished but far from great team.

And that's bad news for Australia.

It's safe to rate the Hungarian national team at least four goals better than that. Ferencvaros, without Pancsics and Albert.

Late last year, East Germany beat Hungary 1-0 in Budapest — and West Germany is rated at least three goals better than East Germany.

So how do we rate? Rather depressingly, one must assume, against both Germans.

In Adelaide Ferencvaros fielded a basically young team with Martos, Vizko, Eipel and Magyar all teenagers.

To make things worse, one of their most creative players, "freeback" Balint had to play a passive role as a sweeper.

Thus it fell on the diligent, hard-working and talented Juhasz to prod his strikers into action and to create the second half.

While Juhasz is a truly good player, a regular international, he is not a Beckenbauer and hardly enough to turn Ferencvaros into a great side.

Ku, this spindly-legged midfielder, did some clever things without being very effective; he seemed to lack stamina and dash to rule the midfield.

Up front centre striker Mate (pronounce as mah-ayt) grabbed two goals and missed another two or three. Branikovits distributed some fine balls but failed to spell any danger at goal.

Wingers Szoke and Magyar showed speed and shooting power.

Australia: Fraser 4 (Milišavlejic, second half), Utješenović 3, Wilson 5, Schaefer 3 (Alston, second half), 3, Curran 5, Richards 3, Mackay 4, Rooney 3 (Warren 67 min.), Abonyi 3, Baartz 4, Buljevic 3.

Ferencvaros: Geczi 4, Martos 4, Vizko 4 (replaced Eipel 19 min.), Vepi 4, Juhasz 5, Balint 3, Szoke 4, Branikovits 3, Mate 3, Ku 4, Magyar 4.

Scorers: Mate 3 and 83 mins. for Ferencvaros; Eipel 9 min. (own goal) for Australia.

Referees: D. Campbell.

Crowd: 13,000 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.



A new dance craze? No, just Max Tolson and Lassie Balint in curious, to say the least, poses as they vie for the ball during last Sunday's 0-0 draw between Australia and Ferencvaros.

ALBERT CAN'T PLAY IN AUST.

By MIKE RENWICK

Florian Albert, the great Hungarian star, won't play in the Sydney championship for St. George-Budapest.

Last week several newspaper stories announced that Albert would join the Saints later this year.

A check with both Albert and Ferencvaros president János Harot revealed this to be incorrect.

Albert will retire from active soccer on April 15 and on May 29, against Yugoslavia, will play his 75th match for Hungary.

In all probabilities he will stay on the field for 15 or 20 minutes before being replaced.

For his 75 internationals he will receive 30,000 forints (about \$900) from the Hungarian Association.

After that, as a retired player, he is free — but therein lies the hitch.

He will be allowed to come to Australia as a tourist; he cannot play, because, as a retired player, he won't be able to get a clearance.

"I can play in exhibition matches for the Saints, hold coaching clinics and do similar things but I won't play for them in the competition," Albert told me.

"I'll come the same way as I went a few years ago to Rio, at the invitation of Flamengo for a few weeks. This time, as then, my wife will come with me, but the kids stay home."

President Harot confirmed the news. He said Albert would be allowed to spend a few months in Australia, as "St. George's guest, but not as a player."

Later this year his book, written in collaboration with Budapest journalist and former national team manager József Hoffer will appear in Budapest.

"It will be a hard-hitting book," Albert said, "not just one of those memoirs of matches and players."

ADELAIDE HIGHLIGHTS

By LOU GAUTIER

3 min.: The Adelaide hoodoo holds firm and Australia again concedes an early goal at Hindmarsh Stadium. A bad defensive error by Schaefer and Utješenović lets Magyar slip a pass to Mate, who traps the ball past a helpless Jim Fraser. Ferencvaros 1, Australia 0.

6 min.: From Szoke's pinpoint centre Schaefer would have scored an own goal but for Fraser's miraculous full-length dive, which limits the damage to a corner.

9 min.: Butjević "skates" his way around three defenders, sends a lovely pass to Alston. "Noddy", however, has the ball taken from him by Martos, and a good Australian scoring chance goes begging.

14 min.: Curran to the rescue to break up a Branikovits-Szoke "1-2" with a corner.

16 min.: Rooney brings Juhasz down in the box. It could easily have been a penalty against Australia, but referee Don Compell waves play on.

20 min.: A 30-metre spectator by Branikovits speeds past Milišavlejic's left post.

21 min.: Alston breaks away but loses the ball to Martos in a man-to-man duel almost on the goalline.

22 min.: A smart interchange of passes between Baartz and Alston wrong-foots the Ferencvaros defence, but the flag has gone up for "off-side".

24 min.: Utješenović saves a difficult situation with a last-ditch clearance from the penalty spot after Ku had shaken off two defenders.

26 min.: Juhasz again slices through the Australian defence, passes to Mate, whose 16-metre angled drive is weak.

28 min.: Three Australian heads bob up in the Ferencvaros goalmouth from an Abonyi corner, but goalie Gezzi has the last word.

35 min.: Baartz shakes off three tacklers and is through, but Curran's off-side position ruins the chance.

36 min.: Baartz pounces on a loose midfield pass, sends a long through-ball to Alston — who loses the ball to the ever-vigilant Vepi.

37 min.: Richards loses the ball to Branikovits, who breaks through Milišavlejic and races out to clear — just in time.

38 min.: Juhasz — that man again — runs through the Australian defence, passes to Szoke on the right wing, who crosses, and Mate belts the ball in. Ferencvaros 2, Australia 1.

42 min.: Ferencvaros have a lucky let-off after being in all sorts of trouble in a packed goalmouth from Baartz's 19-metre freekick.

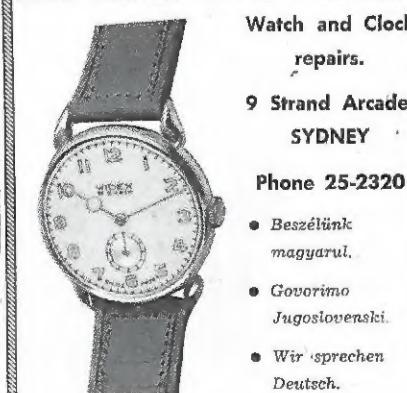
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This freekick in pouring rain by Branko Buljevic (No. 12) is saved by Ferencvaros' goalkeeper Istvan Geczi — much to the relief of an anxious Hungarian "wall" — last Sunday.

AUSTRALIA v. FERENCVAROS 0-0

AUSSIE STRIKERS LET THE SIDE DOWN — AGAIN

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Australia missed a glorious opportunity to score a rare victory against First Division European opponents when they drew 0-0 with Ferencvaros at the Sydney Sportsground last Sunday.

The Socceroos matched the Hungarians in every department, and would probably have won had they not paid Ferencvaros the undeserved compliment of regarding them too highly.

Ferencvaros, on Sunday's form, is possibly the most disappointing European team seen here since Cardiff City and Slavia Prague.

Even technically, some of their players, especially their younger brigade, were not superior to the Australians.

Lack of confidence cost the Socceroos a victory they would have deserved as they had the better of the play, though the big scoring chance of the match was Ferencvaros'.

Only Branikovits knows how he could possibly have missed an open goal in the 73rd minute after he had skirted past two defenders and rounded the sprawling Jim Milisavlievic.

TRAVESTY

A Ferencvaros win would, however, have been a travesty of justice as they did precious little to force the decision.

They gave the impression they could have played right through the night without scoring.

But the Australians must share, at least equally, the blame for the match developing into a soporific affair, which incurred the slow-clapping of the crowd which should have been more indulgent because it is too early in the season for Australia to be seen at best advantage.

Our defence and the midfield, as usual, were competent. All the players in those departments did all that was expected of them, even combining attractively at times, but, oh, the

No matter what combination Rale Basic tried in the second half, when three strikers were substituted, the result was always as depressing.

Hardly a move was concluded as players invariably lost the ball, stepped over it or gave a pass straight to the Hungarians.

CONFIDENCE

It would be nice if occasionally some of our players tried to take on the opposition. By now they should have enough confidence to try their luck as they do in club football.

Some of our players just have to take their responsibilities and lose their timidity when they get close to goal.

Rale Basic said after the match he was "happy" with his team's performance and that the players had followed instructions well.

"They are still only 60% fit. It was big improvement on Adelaide. We'll get better still," he said.

Basic had his team playing 4-4-2 in both matches to get ready for the battles ahead in Germany where it will be vital for the Socceroos to avoid humiliating defeats.

He has every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the team adapted to the system at the rear, but the two strikers — an important part of the 4-4-2 pattern — flopped badly.

To successfully play the 4-4-2 a team must have fast, decisive strikers.

None of the players chosen for these difficult tasks in Adelaide or in Sydney filled the bill adequately.

I only counted three Australian shots at goal at the Sportsground!

The most heartening aspect of the match was the

improved form of several key defenders and midfielders, who played much better than in Adelaide.

Schaefer and Utjesenovic showed the benefit of a tough midweek match and were almost back to their reliable best.

Peter Wilson, like in Adelaide, was the best Socceroo. But, then, when does he not rise to the occasion when he plays for Australia?

Curran, Jim Mackay, Ray Baartz and Rooney also showed up well, I thought.

They were the equal of their Ferencvaros counterparts, none of whom, Juhasz again excepted, looked too classy.

LOYALTY

Campbell, Warren, Buljevic, Tolson, Alston, and, to a lesser degree, Abonyi, disappointed.

I would be surprised if Basic, despite his loyalty to all the players who served him so well in Australia's qualifying campaign, does not bring in some new

strikers into his World Cup squad.

Some players have had ample opportunity to win their berth for West Germany, but have been unable to grab their chance with both feet.

Let's give some others a chance: they couldn't do much worse, even considering there is not all that much to choose from in forward talent in Australia.

Referee Tony Boskovic had a first-class game, again convincing one and all that his selection to the World Cup panel was more than justified and long overdue.

Australian Fraser 4 (Milisavlievic 4), Utjesenovic 4, Wilson 5, Schaefer 4, Curran 4, Richards 3 (Abonyi 57 min.), Warren 3 (Mackay 4), Baartz 4, Rooney 4, Campbell 3 (Tolson 70 min.), Alston 3 (Buljevic 3).

Ferencvaros: Geczi 4, Martos 4, Mucha 3, Vepi 4, Juhasz 5, Balint 3, Szoke 4, Branikovits 4, Mate 3, Ku 3, Magyar 3 (Eipel 3).

Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 15,945 at Sydney Sportsground.

SYDNEY MATCH DIARY

SECOND HALF

1 min.: Istvan Szoke had no trouble moving through the right wing, skewing a dangerous cross in amongst three of his own forwards. Jimmy Milisavlievic excelled himself by scuttling down after the ball and pushing it out of danger.

3 min.: Eric Campbell, who spent the first half passing, finally decided to take the defence on, and succeeded at attempt No. 1.

5 min.: Rooney works a perfect move with Baartz and Alston, but the latter's offside ruined a marvellous movement.

7 min.: Ferencvaros apply the pressure through Szoke and Branikovits to force a corner.

11 min.: Wilson stops Szoke with a no-nonsense tackle to give away a 25 metre freekick. Rooney concedes the corner to relieve pressure.

14 min.: Mate brilliantly turns the ball to round Wilson, but no-one is there to greet his cross.

15 min.: Juhasz concedes a corner from Richards' header. Peter Wilson is up for the action but his big forward jump brings a collision and a freekick against him.

17 min.: Laszlo Branikovits is sent away up the right. He chops the ball into touch by mistake.

19 min.: Utjesenovic sends a lovely ground ball to Eric Campbell. Vepi's sudden acceleration robs Campbell of opportunity and ball.

23 min.: Branikovits fouls Warren, the ball comes through to Campbell, to Alston, who skids it off a Ferencvaros player for a corner.

25 min.: A great reverse direction pass from Ray Baartz deep in midfield to the advancing Curran, but the Hungarian defence holds well.

30 min.: Ferencvaros move well in left wing foray, Branikovits, Magyar and clever Ku doing the damage. Richards went in the Boskovic book for foul on Ku.

FERENCVAROS

WIN 4-2

IN NEWCASTLE

After suffering two early setbacks from shock Northern NSW goals Ferencvaros settled down to play precise and confident football and defeated their inexperienced opponents 4-2.

Former Australian international Ron Giles gave Northern supporters some hope against the visitors when he headed a goal after only 12 minutes.

But the visitors quickly equalised when Martos hammered through a goal four minutes later.

Ferencvaros reeled when immediately from the kickoff Bogdan Duma slammed through a shot after good lead-up work by Giles for a 2-1 lead.

But two goals from Juhasz had the Hungarians leading 3-2 at the interval.

A lone goal by Lajos Ku minutes into the second half gave Ferencvaros a 4-2 lead and the final score of the match.

The visitors were content for the remaining 35 minutes of the match to practice their ball skills, but the locals were far from disgraced at any stage of an entertaining match.

Ferencvaros 4. I. Juhasz 2, L. Ku, G. Martos; Northern NSW 2. R. Giles, B. Duma, at Wallsend.

Crowd: 6,000.

THE SCORECARD

	AUSTRALIA			FERENCVAROS		
	First half	Second half	Total	First half	Second half	Total
Goals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shots at Goal	1	3	4	1	2	3
Shots outside	0	0	0	1	1	2
Freekicks	10	9	19	7	6	13
Throw-ins	13	10	23	5	16	21
Offside	1	1	2	2	0	2
Corners	5	1	6	7	5	12
Penalties	0	0	0	0	0	0

— EINAR PERSEN

NEW JUNIOR BODIES WELCOMED

A meeting representing the junior soccer movement of all states has set up the Australian Junior Soccer Council, and the schools will bring their first National Schoolboy Association into being at their meeting in March.

The double-pronged attack has been widely welcomed in soccer circles, as for the long-term prospects in both areas has of the sport been long awaited.

The Australian Junior Soccer Council will consist of one delegate from each State, plus a president and secretary appointed by the Australian Soccer Federation.

First incumbents of the executive positions are Dr. Rod Jory, of ACT, as chairman, and Brian Emery, of NSW, as secretary.

Dr. Jory has played a leading role in the rise of junior football in Canberra as well as representing the ACT at national senior level, whilst Emery's experience reaches right through from district association to top appointments.

There is much greater significance in the new organisation structure than is

apparent at first sight, and there are undoubtedly benefits coming in both areas of the sport.

It is impossible to secure adequate junior progress without the juniors having the right and the opportunity to conduct their own affairs.

Some State Federations have felt a compulsion to improve controls upon their juniors to the nth degree, whereas the accent always needed to be on giving them the freedom and the resultant incentive to grow.

The new organisation should provide the answers to this subtle but utterly vital problem.

The reversal back to the "junior" tag in the main title actually is a mere repetition of history.

Where it leaves the senior amateurs or higher status for the country is notional slant.

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

probably better not discussed at this moment of real triumph for general commonsense in junior operation.

It will probably be well past due time when those problems receive their attention.

Each State Junior Federation will pay \$100 affiliation fee. States will separately discuss payment of a 20 cents per player contribution to national funds for each registered player under 16 years of age.

Expenses

In future the juniors will have to fund their own meeting expenses, a charge that the ASF has met in recent times.

A deal of the funds raised will be used to conduct the national championships.

The proposed venues this year give the championships a very desirable pro-

ject.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Fourth round fixtures for the Ampol Cup matches this Saturday night are as follows:

Polonia v. Alexander.

SM-Hellene v. Wilhelmina.

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Soccer pools are likely to be legalised in Victoria in March of this year, but it will be some time yet before any decision on who will run the pools is decided or what the VSF's share will be. Several of the leading British pools promoters have shown interest in handling the Victorian pools.

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George Cross, who not unexpectedly lost their opening Ampol Cup game to Alexander after being well below full strength, should be better prepared for their second match with Hakoah on February 23. Their two Dundee players — John Gardiner and Tommy Fox, who have been back in their home town on extended holidays — should be fit and ready to resume.

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Steve Atkins, the former Crystal Palace, Wilhelmina and Box Hill striker now with Mooroolbark, has changed his mind about joining Metropolitan side Caulfield City and will stay with the Barkers, who won promotion to the State League.

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JANCZYK GOES HOME

Vic Janczyk, one of the greatest players ever to play for Polonia, recently left Australia to settle back in Warsaw.

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Brian Thom, the tall former Clydebank and Hearts striker who has been with Wilhelmina for the past three years, is reported to be on the verge of joining a Sydney side. So far no details are at hand.

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Eric Thompson, a young striker from Workington in England who has been playing with Merton in Queensland, has joined George Cross.

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With Ronnie Brown back, Alexander now have six Scots in their line-up and this could be added to any tick of the clock as the Greek side have hopes of landing another Scottish player soon.

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Ulysses Kokkinos, the former South Melbourne-Hellas striker who recently returned to Australia as a free agent, signed for Alexander on a lucrative one-season contract. He had a dream debut for his new club against George Cross by scoring and making the other two in their 3-1 win over George Cross. Kokkinos, now 27, who broke his leg twice in his previous stint in Victorian soccer with Hellas, got his free transfer from Paneraiakos in the Greek Second Division after scoring the two goals in their last game of the season which saved the club from relegation in 1973.

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UNHAPPY COME-BACK

Nick Van Egmond, the big Wilhelmina goalkeeper who spent all last season on the touchline after a dispute with the club over playing terms, and who was replaced by the veteran Tom Carmichael, had an unhappy comeback against Slavia when his side were beaten by Johnny Sanchez' charges.

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George Cross have promising Maltese trio of youngsters in Cutajar, Kandy and Scicluna.

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Nick Racovalis, the long-serving Alexander defender who has regularly been by-passed for the State side, is now captain of his team.

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Roger Lamb has succeeded George Pedlar now back "home" in Sydney as president of the Victorian Soccer Referees' Association. Roger, in turn, who was secretary, has handed his brief over to Colin Tuffield.

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Despite persistent pre-season rumors of the imminent formation of a bogus soccer league supposed to pose a threat to the State League and even the proposed National League of 1975, I can find no real substance of such a move. Anyway, I'm certain that none of the State League clubs would be so foolish to support such a move — and without some State League support the idea has "Buckley's chance" of ever bearing fruit.

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BOB GOUGH DEAD

I have to report the passing of Bob Gough, a former Hakoah and JUST goalkeeper, who died recently at the age of 50 after a lingering illness. Bob, who came to Australia in 1952 after playing for the Royal Navy team in England, had his spell with Hakoah and JUST in the mid-fifties and some time later became a referee. "Soccer World" extends its sympathy to his widow and son.

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Jimmy Pygros, who gave South Melbourne-Hellas great service first as a winger and then as a midfield player and who rejoined the club last year as coach after a stint with Metro side Western Suburbs, is now re-registered with Hellas as a player — a move which will only be temporary as he is returning soon to Greece.

— JIM COOK

WORLD CUP REFEREES

Referees for the World Cup finals: Luis Pestarino (Argentina), Tony Boskovic (Australia), Erich Linemayr (Austria), Vital Lourax (Belgium), Armando Marques (Brazil), Werner Wimseman (Canada), Omar Delgado (Colombia), Mostafa Kamel (Egypt), John Taylor (England), Rudi Gloeckner (East Germany), Kurt Schuhenberg (West Germany), Kurt Tschieschner (West Germany), Hans-Joachim Weyland (West Germany), Karoly Palotai (Hungary), Jafar Namdar (Iran), Aurelio Angone (Italy), Alfonso Gonzales Archundia (Mexico), Arie van Gemert (Holland), Edison Perez Nunez (Peru), Nicolae Rainea (Romania), Robert Davidson (Scotland), Youssou N'Diaye (Senegal), Govindasamy Suppiah (Singapore), Pablo Sanchez (Spain), Rudolf Scheuer (Switzerland), Dogan Babac (Turkey), Ramon Barreto Ruiz (Uruguay), Pavel Kasakov (USSR), Vicente Llobregat (Venezuela), Clive Thomas (Wales).

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TOUR WITH A DIFFERENCE!

The Australian under-23 team's visit to Indonesia in March will be a tour with a difference.

The objective is not so much to produce the nation's best under-23 team — in fact, a quota of the 20 selected players will be drawn so as to give some representation to every State.

Coming as it does at the outset of the season, the tour has led some of Sydney's club managers to consider holding their players out, but others will be glad to release them for the experience they will gain.

In any case Sydney will release no more than one player per club.

The Australian under-23s will play five matches — three in Indonesia and two in Australia.

The first match will be against the national team on Tuesday, March 26, and then they jet away to Jakarta on the Thursday.

The team returns home on Tuesday, April 9, and the following night they will again be able to show their wares against the Australian side — also at the Sportsground.

Eric Worthington, coach of the under-23s, is faced with the impossible task of effectively selecting players whose clubs stretch from Perth to Hobart and Brisbane.

He will lean on the State coaches and coaching directors for an appraisal of the leading under-23 play-

ers in their respective States. The players are to be provided in order of ability first, and in positions second.

RASIC'S HELP

Rale Rasic will also be pointing out a number of young stars from his knowledge.

Even under these imperfect conditions of selection — and it has to be allowed that distance does bring its problems — it should still be possible to come up with a good first team.

The measure of success in the selections will be to produce a side with as short a tail as possible.

The State men will certainly recommend their best under-23s, as this is the only way in which they can get the benefits which the tour will bring.

The tour is Government-sponsored as Australia's contribution to the Pacific Area Travel Association conference in Indonesia.

Over there a footballer is just about the biggest thing on the horizon, so we will certainly need to field a team that will do our country proud.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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RICHARD ALAGICH COMES HOME LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD — NOW MASTER COACH

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

When Richard Alagich, 29-year-old and Broken Hill-born, was preparing to return to Australia last November after studying in Yugoslavia since 1965, he asked for a reference from one of his teachers, Professor Milije Gabrijelic of the Faculty of Physical Education at the University of Zagreb.

Wrote the professor: "I am convinced that not only the individual clubs but the whole of Australian soccer will enormously benefit from his knowledge".

Richard is just back home with his wife, Mira, and their 18-month-old son, Rudolph.

He's been appointed as a teacher at Forest High School, and will take up coaching of Yug-Prague's third team.

The professor is one of Yugoslavia's foremost coaching experts, and right now I'd bet three penalty kicks to an indirect free that he wasn't kidding when he wrote his above quoted punch line.

I'd go one further and wager (?) six goals to an off-side decision that Richard is literally Australia's most qualified coach.

And, to boot, he has the practical experience at youth coaching to back up his qualifications.

Degrees galore

In nearly nine years away, Richard followed on his Physical Education diploma with a degree in the same discipline at Zagreb University, and added another degree in Kinesiotherapy.

My medical dictionary had precious little to say about this paramedical field, but further enquiry revealed that it concerns the treatment of responses in the body's nervous system.

OK, all good background, but what's that to do with football coaching?

Well, as Richard was preparing to return to Australia, the Croatian FA, in conjunction with the Yugoslav FA, recognised his skills by awarding him a two-year scholarship for a specialised course in soccer coaching.

Then, 3713 hours of lectures and demonstrations and 47 subjects later Richard received the university's diploma as a master football coach.

Largely theoretical, the cynics could say.

However, during the two-year period Alagich was joint coach of First Division Di-

ASIAN EXPERT PASSES AWAY

Les Channing, an internationally known journalist and soccer administrator died in Canberra earlier this month.

An occasional contributor to "Soccer World", he was a well respected but highly controversial journalist in Hong Kong for many years following World War II.

Australian-born of Chinese extraction, Les Channing decided to settle in Canberra and joined the staff of the "Canberra Times" where he soon became its Chief Court Reporter.

As a soccer fan and administrator, he kept abreast of current developments in the code by means of regular correspondence with leading soccer writers throughout the world.

Understandably enough, he was best known as an authority on Asian soccer affairs.

Mr. Channing is survived by his wife and four children, to whom we extend our condolences. JOHN HOLLAND

namo FC's under-19 team, and they were Yugoslav champions for both seasons.

In fact, Dinamo technical director Marko Juric wanted him to stay on, but that wasn't to be.

Satisfaction

For Richard, youth training with lads from 14 to 18 brings the most satisfaction, because control can be learnt and improvement is marked, whereas from 19 on he sees the main task as conditioning.

He'll try out his programmes with Yug-Prague's third, and would absolutely relish the chance to coach a State under-16 side, provided he was also team selector.

He has been trained in a scientific approach to football, and Yugoslav methods must be high on the world tree.

Consider the evidence from Zagreb.

Distances travelled by players in the course of a match

are analysed computer-wise and it was found that the average distance covered by a West German field player in an international match is 6.5 kilometres. Some Juventus players ran as much as seven kilometres in a match.

On this basis we'll need to be awful fit to be ready for the Germans.

Analysis also particularly proved the necessity to make greater use of the space along the wings in the course of a match to court success.

When Yugoslav played Inter Milan, the Inter centre-half travelled 3.5 kilometres, and even took five shots at goal.

A somewhat lazy or overshadowed Yugoslav centre-forward covered 1.5 kilometres and set up only two good shots at goal.

Richard has an analysis of Brazil's national team players' performances.

All bar Pelé, that is, because the Pelé contract fore-

bad his magic being quantified.

He even has a breakdown of the performance of Chile's national side, which will be of definite value.

Biological adjustment

Amongst the host of matters examined by Professor Gabrijelic and his experts is one of biological adjustment by footballers to changed conditions when travelling.

Analysis prior to a recent trip to Brazil resulted in trial matches being played to a set time schedule.

One trial was even played at 1 a.m. to assist the players to adjust their body mechanisms to the changing time.

Such points, and a thousand more, are what the boy from Broken Hill has been trained to handle.

Looks like soccer has its "Bronhill" on the way, just as that other art of music had theirs.

Marrickville, Nth. Districts play-off for promotion

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

A two game "play-off" starting on Sunday will determine which team will fill the vacancy created by the amalgamation of Second Division clubs Enmore and Rosebery.

The games, on a "home" and "away" basis, will be played on February 24 and March 3 between Northern Districts, who finished last in Second Division last year, and Marrickville who finished second in Third Division.

Both games will be played on similar rules as when Ku-ring-gai and Enmore fought it out last season following the merger of the two Bankstown clubs.

Aggregate scores will be taken into consideration in the decider and if both teams are locked with equal scores after the two matches, a third game will take place.

The NSW Soccer Federation last week approved "in principle" the merger of Enmore Progressives and Rosebery Rhodes after the necessary information was submitted by the clubs.

They will now proceed in forming Newtown-Hellas to represent the two Greek-backed clubs, which under this set-up may well be a strong enough side capable of winning the championship and promotion in its first attempt.

The first of the two play-offs will be staged at Englefield Stadium on Sunday, and the second on March 3 will be at Mackay Park, Marrickville.

THRILLED

After missing promotion by only one point, Marrickville's officials are thrilled at the chance to prove their ability in higher company.

Even though the club was caught unawares by the sudden playoff, the club is raring to go despite the short time for preparation

Players started training it was formed 29 years ago. It was a keen sportsman, Livingstone played for 14

most are out of condition.

However, secretary-treasurer of the club, Bert Harvie, says: "The way the team was playing last year, we should have beaten half

of the teams in Second

Division."

Marrickville does not anticipate any new players and will go into the play-offs with exactly the same team that won them the Third Division round-robin in 1973.

In the round-robin at the end of last season, Marrickville beat promotion winner Rapid Riverside in the semi-final and topped Ku-ring-gai 3-0 in the final.

The team will include brilliant midfielder and former Pan Hellenic player George McCulloch, who is also coach of the team.

Much depends on his driving force on the field and his vast experience in big time football will be invaluable in matches of such importance.

Until now, Marrickville, which have fostered junior soccer for the last 29 years, have been a lily-white amateur outfit, but if promoted to Second Division their status is almost certain to change.

There is already some talk of switching to semi-professionalism so that the team will be on equal footing with other Second Division clubs.

Most of the club's players have come through the club's junior ranks, but a number of Englishmen and Scotsmen made their way into the side for added experience.

President of Marrickville is Bruce Livingstone, a founder of the club when

it was formed 29 years ago.

A keen sportsman, Livingstone played for 14

years with the club and is now a referee in the Canterbury District Referees' Association and also a cricket umpire.

Essentially a junior club when formed, Marrickville entered Federation soccer in the Inter-Suburban Third Division eight years ago.

A committee of seven people run the Federation teams, separate from the junior set-up, which last year fielded 22 teams of all ages in the various competitions.

Team-manager for first grade is Warren Watt.

YO-YO

Northern Districts, in and out of Second Division like a yo-yo in recent years, will tackle Marrickville with a team of determined, but inexperienced youngsters.

The club has lost top players Larry Armitage, Geoff Green, Graeme MacKinnon, Sasha Perry and Chris Martin, who have all reverted to their former clubs.

Coach Joe Vlasits took over the club last season and did a tremendous amount of work in unearthing talent, said this week he was trying to rebuild with youngsters and that the club must place its hopes on their ability.

"Northern Districts is a very good club, one of the few in Australia which has up-to-date facilities for soccer and other sports," he said.

"However, if the club is to get somewhere it has to adopt a more professional attitude."

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

There has been no developments so far on the future of Hakoah winger Gordon Cameron, who left the Middle Park side for a spell in Hong Kong soccer, then played in New Zealand before returning to Australia. First Division side Albion Rovers, whose player-coach is former Hakoah favorite Hugh Murray, reported to be interested in securing the Scot.

Eric Thompson, the young English player who not long back joined George Cross from Queensland, has returned up north. And the Cross are disappointed although they have not given up hope he may yet return to them.

Frank Egy, who has been chairman of Melbourne Soccer Club for some considerable years, has stood down and is now retired from the game, although he still has an interest as a supporter. Frank has a dental laboratory in Pascoe Vale, Melbourne.

A bid is being made to bring Polish side LKS to Melbourne later this year. Former Polonia star Vic Janczyk, who recently returned to Poland, for keeps originally played with the local club, which should be Brazil's World Cup team: Felix — Carlos Alberto, Luis Ferreira, Alfredo, Mario Antonio — Clealdo, Ademir da Guia — Jairzinho, Dirceu Lopes, Leivinha, Rivelino.

UK Pools reap fortune

For the fourth successive season, the English Football Pools Promoters' Association reported a record turnover. The big five — Littlewoods, Vernons, Copes, Empire, and Zetters — knocked it off in season 1972-73 to the tune of £187,000,000.

The evergreen Frank Mieic, who captained Victoria against Ferencvaros and was one of their best players, is coming up for his 13th season in State League soccer. Frank came to Australia in 1959.

Still on the sidelines is Ian Shanks, who gave Melbourne six years' service before electing to stop on the touchline all last season after a haggling about playing terms. Shanks, who joined Melbourne as a 14-year-old and is still in his mid-twenties, would be a good buy for any club in need of a hard working halfback who revels in midfield play.

MICK MICEVSKI'S POTENTIAL

Five players have reached the top as quickly as Mick Micevski, the 19-year-old Hakoah striker who will be included in the under-23 Australian squad for the Indonesia matches. Less than a year ago Micevski was playing in Metropolitan League soccer with Altona, then Hakoah forked out a considerable fee for his transfer and making his mark immediately for the Middle Park side, he finished up their leading scorer last season and has already installed himself as a member of the State team. But Micevski promising as he is, has plenty of rough edges to rub off before he becomes a fully-fledged footballer.

Andrew Czapnik, the talented Polonia mid-fielder who is a product of the club's juniors and has been a real force in their side over the past two years, is presently engrossed in studies which will eventually make him a fully-fledged architect.

The two George Cross Dundonians — John Gardner and Tommy Fox — who have been on extended holidays back to their native Scotland, are both due back in time to be considered for the club's next game with Hakoah on Saturday. The brilliant John Gardner, who has no peers as regards his skill in State League soccer, is interesting a Sydney First Division side. But I reckon they would be wasting their time chasing Gardner. George Cross have no intention of parting with the player.

— JIM COOK

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AMPOL CUP 1974



Tommy Morrow (left), Bobby McGinn and John Russell (6) in action in the APIA-Hakoah match last Sunday

SUNDAY'S SEMIFINALS

HELLENIC, SAINTS TIPPED FOR FINAL

By LOU GAUTIER —

Pan Hellenic and St. George-Budapest for the 1974 Ampol Cup final! Pre-season form gives every indication that the two teams will meet on March 10 after disposing of their opponents in Sunday's semifinals.

Pan Hellenic will meet Auburn, but Saints must to Joe Marston splendidly and wait for the outcome of the no one can take any credit midweek play-off between Croatia and APIA before they know the identity of their opponents on Sunday.

However, no matter who wins through to the semi, they will be the underdogs against St. George.

BEST TEAMS

Few can argue that Pan Hellenic and St. George have played the best football of the series so far.

But Auburn, too, deserve their place in the last four

They have made the transition to Joe Marston splendidly and wait for the outcome of the no one can take any credit midweek play-off between Croatia and APIA before they know the identity of their opponents on Sunday.

They are sure to give Pan Hellenic a fight all the way.

Auburn will, however, find out that Pan Hellenic is no Jugoslavia.

Their midfielders will not have so much room to manoeuvre. They could have their backs full defending against a Hellenic forward like which has been moving beautifully even without Gary

Marshall.

Dave Harding, a World Cup Socceroo if ever I saw

one, and Agoror Munuz, whose displays this season have made every one of his critics eat their words, have informed Pan Hellenic with their midfield mastery.

Manager Rale Rasic, as distinct from coach John Kalageros, has Harding playing "a la Richards". Harding's to fill in the role that was Richards' when Rasic was at Marconi - and hasn't Hellenic been the better for it!

Rokko Ile, whose wizardry has never been put to better use, must be the buy of the decade at only \$500. He has served his new club well and will continue to be a key player in Pan Hellenic's overdue bid for glory.

Peter Brankin, the mustachioed centre-forward with the deadly shot, is another Hellenic ace Auburn's defence must mark tightly.

In fact, every one of the Pan Hellenic strikers and midfielders have turned out trumps and now that Ivo Radic has completely settled into his new team, the Hellenic

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GROUP "A"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pan Hellenic	2	3	—	10	6	7
APIA	3	1	1	7	4	7
Croatia	3	1	1	9	6	7
Hakoah	3	2	3	5	3	7
Wests	3	2	3	5	3	7
Surryland	1	1	3	3	2	3
	1	1	3	9	3	3

GROUP "B"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	3	1	1	15	4	7
Marconi	3	1	1	9	4	7
Canterbury	2	3	1	5	2	7
Safeway	1	1	3	5	9	3
Yugal Prague	1	4	5	15	1	3

THE SEMI-FINAL TEAMS

PAN HELLENIC

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RUDIC
BARBOJUTS
BELL
STOWELL
MUNIZ
HARDING
BRANKIN
CARRIZO
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HUGHES
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National League Competition

The Australian Soccer Federation proposes to prepare a feasibility study as to the advisability or otherwise of commencing a National League Competition in the 1975 season. Applications are being sought from:

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(b) Any combination of clubs referred to in (a).

(c) Any other organisations, other than those referred to in (a).

Application forms should be requested before 8th March, 1974 and be returned before the end of April.

The intending applicants will have the opportunity of conference prior to lodging their application, if it is requested.

It is stressed that the applications are not limited to existing soccer clubs participating in First Division and there has been no firm decision as yet to commence a National League competition in 1975.

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Sidney 1 min., Malone 14 and 15 mins., Stewart 55 min.

Yugal-Prague

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

2 (1)

Harding 13 min., Brankin 45 min.

Croatia

1 (0)

D. Smith 25 min. (penalty).

St. George

7 (4)

Abonyi 2, 31, 63 (all penalties) and 66 mins., Utesenovic 6 min., Stoddart 25 min., Herron 47 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

A.P.I.A.

1 (0)

Ollerton 67 min.

Hakoah

0 (0)

Wests

0 (0)

Sutherland

0 (0)

Marconi

1 (1)

Jones 15 min.

Safeway

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Hoszowski 4, Lawson 3, Hughes 4, Malone 5, Leak 4, McMillan 4, Sidey 4, Stewart 3, Deller 2, Keddie 3, Parker 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: J. Marston.

Match rating: * * *

Bracklow (Holmick 15 min. 4), Trkulja 3, Boskovski 3, Velkovski 3, Nacinovic 3, McDonald 3, Alagich 4, Mihajlovic 2, Simpson 3, Takac 3, Perry 3.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

Maglis 4, Barr 3, Rudic 4, Barboutis 4, Bell 4, Stowell 3, Muniz 4, Harding 5, Brankin 4, Buckley 3 (Carrizzo 41 min.), Ilc 4.

TOTAL: 42.

Coach: J. Kalageros.

Match rating: * * * * *

Corry 3, Wignall 3, M. Harris 3, Brady 4, Yaager 3, Whalley 4, Sullivan 3, Nixon 4, Crone 3 (Huntley 50 min.), Smith 4, Vojtek 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Fraser 4, Utjesenovic 5, G. Harris 4, Schaefer 4, Coton 4, Stoddart 4, Herron 4, Abonyi 4, Morgan (replaced Warren 26 min.) 3, R. Harris 4, McDonald 4.

TOTAL: 44.

Coach: M. Johnson.

Match rating: * * *

Hawthorne 3, G. Brown 2 (H. Xipolitas 48 min.), Hardy 3, Henderson 2, J. Xipolitas 3, Balafas 3, Armytage 3, R. Brown 2 (Piatta 41 min.), Pocock 2, Mollen 3, Welton 2.

TOTAL: 28.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Roberts 4, McGinn 4, Jenkins 3, Wallace 3, McGhee 4, Russell 4, Blues 3, Rooney 4, Ollerton 3, Rogers 3, Butler 3 (Del Forno 53 min.)

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * *

Madaschi 4, Bibby 3, Mowbray 4, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 4, Mackay 3, Fekete 4, Baariz 3, Fletcher 3, Wong 3 (Watson, second half, 3), Morrow 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: D. McLaren.

Match rating: * * *

Eaton 4, Perry 4, Ferguson 3, Radcliffe 4, Curran 4, Gray 3, Byles 2, Turner 2, Lindsay 4, T. Smith 2, Edmundson 2 (replaced by G. Smith, 3, at half time).

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: L. Scheinfug.

Match rating: * * *

Maher 5, Branson 3, Bennett 4, P. Smith 4, Wykes 4, Johnston 2, Griffiths 2, Trail 3, Jordan 2, Bourke 2, Suggett 2 (replaced by Thompson, 2, at halftime).

TOTAL: 33.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Match rating: * * *

Murray 5, Degney 3, Robertson 4, Roche 4, Moschen 4, Richards 3, Jones 4, Campbell 4, Mihajlovic 3, Byrne 3, Griffiths 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * *

Hesford 3, Roberts 3, Wilson 4, Tuckerman 3, Gleeson 3, Bingham 4, Fryer 4, McGroarty 3, Tolson 4, Alston 5, Walker 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: P. Wilson.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

A disjointed Yugal-Prague started on the wrong foot, and even late in the second half when they were doing better — comparatively speaking — they were never a threat to Auburn. The Mona Park brigade started well by unexpectedly finding the goal inside 30 seconds from the kick-off, when Derek Sidey must have been nonplussed by the ease with which he slid through the Yugal "defence". Frank Malone was on hand to wrap it all up by the 15th minute with two delightful goals, and Jimmy Stewart got the fourth 15 minutes before the end. Jimmy is one of those rare souls who revels in long distance shots, anything up to 50 metres, and on this occasion his left boot sunk the ball high, wide and handsome from 25 metres out. Auburn coach Joe Marston must have enjoyed the second-half sideshow, when young Stephen Leek and Co. tidied up the defence with a minimum of bother.

Crowd: 5,229 (double-header). Referee: A. Boskovic.

— KEITH GILMORE

Both Pan Hellenic and Croatia played the first half with all the verve in the world, but it was a brilliant Pan Hellenic who held on to crack the winning goal and also maintain their snappy formation to the end. After Muniz had helped to set a splendid pace for Hellenic, it was confident striker David Harding who slammed his first timer into his opponent's goal. Derek Smith made an absolute certainty of South's equaliser after Robert Barr had handled in the box. Danger man Joe Nixon was allowed little latitude by Pan Hellenic's defence, and it was left to young Jim Whalley to create Croatia's opening through the midfield. The crowd tempo reached fever pitch when Peter Brankin netted the winner for Pan Hellenic. Croatia performed wonders in the first half, but they must need some extra cover of first team players to meet the inevitable calls of injury. First-class matches such as this will really fill the terraces. Crowd: 5,229 (double-header). Referee: T. Davies.

— KEITH GILMORE

After six minutes it was all over already for Canterbury. Down 0-2, they were quickly demoralised into conceding a defeat of catastrophic proportions. Saints' task, however, was made immensely easier by referee Barry Wilkinson, who awarded three penalties against the Berries, the first two of which looked a bit harsh from where I was sitting. Attila Abonyi made Federation history by becoming the first First Division player to score a hat-trick of penalties in one game. To cap off his scoring feat, he also scored Saints' seventh and final goal. The penalties notwithstanding, Canterbury's weaknesses were mercilessly exposed by a St. George team which played some delightful football. Their defence collapsed like a pack of cards and their forwards, including Pocock, didn't get a proper kick at goal all afternoon.

Crowd: 5,455 (double-header). Referee: B. Wilkinson.

— LOU GAUTIER

A very tight match which came to life only in the dying stages to enable APIA to score the 67th minute goal they needed for a play-off with Croatia. APIA's win was deserved. They had four scoring chances to Hakoah's two, and all but ran their opponents off their feet in the last five minutes when the crowd, at last, had something to get excited about. Hakoah confirmed their decline with yet another insipid display. Something will have to be done soon, otherwise the 1973 champions will be history this year. APIA have few weaknesses, but they could do with more flair. High balls pumped at Ollerton and Rogers might not always pay off.

Crowd: 5,455 (double-header). Referee: P. Rampley.

— LOU GAUTIER

Despite the lack of interest in the result, Wests and Sutherland slugged it out in no uncertain manner. It was fast game, with the ball moving from one end of the field to the other, but to no avail as both sets of forwards were dreadful. Wests had the lion's share of the ball through their mastery in midfield where Radcliffe and Curran were a dominant force. However, they never took full advantage of the situation as their attacks were easily broken up by the courageous Sutherland defence. Col Bennett and Peter Wykes were as solid as a rock, but once again, Sutherland's man of the match was goalkeeper Alan Maher.

Crowd: 2,056 (double-header). Referee: A. McKenzie.

— CHARLES SPITERI

An entertaining game which served up plenty of thrills and spills and some very intelligent football which kept the crowd on its toes. It was unfortunate that Safeway had to be the losers in a match which couldn't have been more balanced. Adrian Alston was, shall we say, one of his "rare" moods, firing on all cylinders, with good support from Bingham and Fryer. Marconi, playing with a reshuffled side, matched Safeway in both speed and skill, which made the match most entertaining. Ernie Campbell and Barry Jones were a constant menace in attack, but most impressive were Alfredo Moschen and Bill Murray, the latter with some very fine saves to his credit.

Crowd: 2,056 (double-header). Referee: G. Warne.

— CHARLES SPITERI

LETTER FROM NEWCASTLE

"Soccer World's" high standards of football journalism deserves the respect it enjoys from sports enthusiasts.

Indeed, it was pleasing to read Keith Gilmour's timely comments on the Northern scene two weeks ago.

As president of the Newcastle-based Northern NSW Federation since January 1973, I am proud of our achievements and since that date Northern Directors have endeavoured to jolt the complacency and amateurish attitude to the game in our region.

The "weekend footballer" is disappearing and clubs are beginning to realise the necessity of a more professional approach, better coaching and additional practice sessions.

Keith Gilmour quotes my comment that "Newcastle could not afford to be out of a National League, if it comes".

Whether we, or any other National League candidate actually can afford the vision is open to conjecture.

RESPECT

However, I fully respect the leadership of ASF president, Sir Arthur George (and thank goodness he is at the helm) and appreciate the paramount reason for the introduction of a National League, namely, soccer should emerge number one in football popularity in every State.

"Soccer World" draws attention to Northern NSW's 2-4 loss to Persija Jakarta.

Perhaps it is fair to state the Northern side had a lay-off from last season of two months, had restricted opportunities for practice and lacked match play prior to the Persija clash.

The Northern side led Persija 2-0 at the interval and appeared well on top until five Northern reserves were introduced in the second stanza.

The North's display against Ferencvaros would have squashed any doubts as to the quality of our representative side.

The North led the visitors on two occasions before losing 2-4.

Newcastle will be a powerful force in a National League.

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PRODUCTS

A top Sydney club side playing here recently had four of our products in its team.

About 15 Northern players have been approached by Sydney clubs this year.

I support Peter Thraves' contention that Newcastle could yield attendances of 10,000 to 20,000, but it will take a few years to mature.

However, I certainly disagree with Keith Gilmour's thoughts on the introduction of our 14-team competition last season.

Most Northern club officials will claim it assisted in the tremendous uplift of Newcastle soccer in 1973, that it did bring forward a number of new prospects, that it did enhance the standard of Northern soccer, that it helped produce increased attendances and introduced a far greater measure of financial stability for clubs and players.

Incidentally, at our recent Annual General Meeting, a motion by one of the clubs to reduce the First Division to twelve teams lapsed for the want of a seconder.

ALAN LAMB,
Newcastle.

Northern Districts v. Marrickville 1-0

Norths win first promotion play-off

By CHARLES SPITERI —

Experience and fitness gave Northern Districts the edge in the first play-off against Marrickville at Englefield Stadium last Sunday, but the series for promotion to Second Division is by no means over.

The match, won by Northern Districts 1-0, was a closely fought encounter which could have gone either way until the last minute, but there is no doubt that the best team won on the day.

Despite earlier statements, Northern Districts did manage to retain or replace some of their more experienced players, and this decidedly swayed the result their way.

Norths' line-up included Graeme Mackinnon and Russell Haggard, both with First Division experience, and Cliff McDermott and Jim Davies, both from the Second Division.

Marrickville's only experience in the side was provided by George McCulloch, who is also coach of the outfit.

Northern Districts, which kept up its training throughout the summer under coach "Uncle Joe" Vlasits, showed method in their play and the cohesion between defence and attack frustrated their poorly conditioned opponents.

Pushing the ball through their young wingers, Ian Brown on the right, and 16-year-old John Ramische on the left, Northern Districts created havoc at times in front of the Marrickville goalmouth, particularly with strikers Mackinnon and Jim Davies in good form.

Both peppered the Marrickville goal from all angles and only a brilliant display by the young goalkeeper Nick Horatiopoulos in the 22nd minute John Davies in good form.

The game was only three minutes old when Horatiopoulos made made his first save off Ian Brown from 10 metres out, but this was only the beginning and 12 minutes later he made a mighty effort to clear off an angled shot from just under the bar by Mackinnon.

At this stage Marrickville was relying on breakaways and in the 22nd minute John McDonald had to dive full length to get at a McCulloch shot beside the left hand post.

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However, Northern Districts came back swiftly in attack and in a clever movement involving several players Davies was unlucky not to score as his shot was cleared off the line by Roberto Murua with the goalkeeper well beaten.

As the game progressed the Marrickville defence started to tire, but their long balls up front were still effective and nearly got a goal in the 36th minute when speedy winger Gordon Makin skinned the crossbar with a hard drive from close range.

Although not at his best, McCulloch tried hard to rally his team after the interval, but he had little support, particularly from his tiring defence.

As the game slowed down slightly in the second half, it became harder and ref-

eree Ken Smah three times took out his book to jot down the names of two players from Marrickville and one from Northern Districts for various offences.

Eleven minutes into the second half John Davies gave Norths their win when, from a counter-attack, he eluded the defence, including Horatiopoulos, to score in an empty net.

With 12 minutes to go, Gordon Makin missed the chance of a life-time to score the equaliser desperately sought by his team when he failed to connect with a perfect pass by the hard working Norman Hanlon.

But the save of the match was made in the 81st minute when, from point-blank range, Horatiopoulos stuck his foot out to deflect a sizzling header by left half Glass into corner.

For the winners, Ransusche and Brown showed a lot of potential, but the team clicked around the clever work of Davies and Mackinnon, who were in great form.

For the losers, young full-back John Breite, Andy Pondeka and Gordon Makin gave impressive performances, not forgetting the outstanding display by Nick Horatiopoulos.

The return match will be at Mackay Park, Tempe, this Sunday and despite Northern Districts' advantage, the series is still open and a third game is a distinct possibility.

Northern Districts: McDonald, Consentino, C. McDermott, Scott, Haggard, Glass, S. McDermott, Mackinnon, Brown, Davies (1), Ramische. Marrickville: Horatiopoulos, Hardy, Breite, Murua, Pondeka, Hanlon, Makin, McCulloch, Ramsey (Henshaw), Mc Gill, Gould.

RICH ROTHMAN'S STATE CUP STARTS IN APRIL

By KEITH GILMOUR —

First Division clubs will enter the \$18,000 Rothman's Cup in Round 8, set down for Wednesday nights September 11 and 18.

Round 9 will be contested on Wednesdays, September 25 and October 2, semifinals on Sunday, October 6, and the final on October 13.

More interest could be packed into the semifinal round if one match were set down for the Saturday night.

Dependant upon the competing sides, grounds such as Marconi Oval, Woonona Oval, Redfern Oval, or Garfield Park would be worthy of consideration.

It would also be worthwhile testing the future availability of the Sydney Sports Ground for early October fixtures.

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The club is arranging for four parachutists, decked out in the Gabbie colors, to land at Girraween Park for the first home game of the year.

Apart from that, captain-coach Stan Ackerley, who enjoyed an off-season trip to Finland with his family, is in charge of the team.

Toongabbie is bound to be one of the top sides in this year's Inter Suburban First Division.

Included in their ranks once again will be Laurie and Robert Parkhouse, and the reliable ex-Prague star, Billy Reilly.

The club's 1972 coach, Joe Kane, rang through from England recently to wish the team well.

Joe, now married and father of a baby daughter, is thinking of holidaying back in Sydney in the English closed season.

Toongabbie club has now received local Council approval for the plans of the new club house, and an approach to the Licensing Court is due shortly.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

The Ampol Cup reaches a decisive stage this Saturday night with the sixth round fixtures involving the two top sides, Melbourne and Alexander, whose pairings strongly favor both to win and clinch places in the semifinals.

The fixtures are: Wilhelmina v. Melbourne and Alexander v. Juventus.

Hakoah have been angling after a Jewish forward who has been getting some good Press write-ups in top Scottish amateur soccer, and who has been interesting a leading club is Israel. So far, there have been no developments, but the Middle Park side could be more successful for a winger who was on the books of a Scottish First Division side and recently played in Hong Kong.

— O —

The Noordenne Cup, which is always a crowd-puller in the Western Suburbs, is again in full swing and the competition is graced by quite a number of State League clubs and a wide representation of sides from the Metro Leagues. Games are played on both Saturdays and Sundays.

— O —

First Division Metro club Green Gully Ajax, whose president is Lou Straface, the former well-known referee, made several thousand dollars profit on their workings last year and are bent in getting promotion to the State League this year. And so are Preston Macedon and Albion Rovers, plus probably some of the others, so this should be an exciting competition this year.

— O —

MONEY-HUNGRY PLAYERS

Considerable unrest exists among a few players in the State League who are waging war with their clubs continually over money matters. I have spoken to two leading officials from different clubs recently on this matter and they say that in no circumstances can they afford to dig any deeper to satisfy increasing monetary demands. And they gave me the indication that if it comes to a showdown in dropping the players in question so that they will then have to survive on the pittance they get for training sessions only. Some players think that such moves would assure them of a transfer to Sydney. But they had better think again. For it's been obvious over the years that the Sydney clubs only want the best of our players and not any "Tom, Dick or Harry."

— O —

Billy Kerkin, who has been with a string of clubs both in Victoria and NSW, is still popping up and he was in the Slavia line-up which accounted for Billy's first Australian team, Wilhelmina, recently.

— O —

First Division sides in the Metropolitan League will each be permitted to play two Sunday matches this season.

— O —

Mortie Buckner, soccer writer for the "Sun" for over 20 years, recently ended his career of reporting the round ball game. A suitable presentation is being arranged by those connected with the game to mark his retirement.

— O —

John O'Neill, the former Preston North End and Eire international defender who gave great service to Hakoah, is now the coach of ambitious First Division Frankston City.

— O —

ANTI-SOCCER BIAS

Once again remarkable bias against soccer appears to be in evidence after the 1973 "Age" - Caltex Star of the Year details were announced. Fourteen of Victoria's sportsmen and sportswomen were nominated by a panel covering January to December 1973 and almost every conceivable sports except soccer gained representation during the months to go forward for the finals last Wednesday week. Evidently, they have conveniently forgotten or don't care to remember that in late 1973 Australia won their way through to the 1974 World Cup through a goal by Jim Mackay which takes them to West Germany to compete in the greatest sporting competition in the world.

Fans should maybe bear this in mind next time they buy a paper or petrol. . .

(The similar contest in Sydney — sponsored by the "Mirror" — did not forget soccer — Peter Wilson was one of the 12 finalists. — Editor.)

— O —

Well-informed Scottish reports say there is no substance to a story circulating in Melbourne that Joe Cunningham, the 22-year-old George Cross striker who scored 33 goals last season in league and cup soccer, has been offered trials with Aberdeen Football Club.

— O —

A couple of years ago one would have been hard-pressed to take in a soccer game in Bendigo and district. Now the round-ball game is booming in the old gold town and its surrounding areas and their eight-club league of 1973 has been increased 25 per cent this year with the addition of teams from Echuca, Castlemaine, Eaglehawk and Strathdale.

— JIM COOK

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**IT'S A
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APIA v. ST. GEORGE 1-0

No sweat for fitter APIA

By KEITH GILMOUR —

St. George's goalscoring prowess in the preliminary matches entitled them to favoritism, but it was APIA who did enough even in the early stages to make their Ampol semifinal win — ultimately 1-0 — a near certainty.

It only took 16 minutes for Bill Rogers to find the goal that shot them into the final.

John Wallace crossed and Rogers brushed off one defender and curved his shot from 15 metres so that it swung completely away from the distraught Jim Fraser.

Both sides took up defensive stations from the outset — that mutual respect that one had for the other made them smother the centre continuously.

APIA, however, found the Saint's left flank conveniently open, because the Saints often gave precious little cover when Doug Utjenovic ventured upfield.

Terry Butler and Ken Jenkins used this space continuously.

Neither provided a 100% success story because either their balls were not placed with full accuracy, or the St. George cover defence bundled the ball away.

It was a different tale from the right side, from whence George Blues instigated damaging moves. Whenever he came into the play he spelt danger for the opposition.

CROATIA CRUSHED

APIA won through to the Ampol semifinals with a crushing 4-0 win over Croatia last Wednesday week.

After an even first half, when only superb goalkeeping by John Roberts, stopped Croatia from scoring, APIA took full control.

Frank Brady's 27th minute injury (Croatia played with 10 men until half-time) and two colossal blunders by Ron Corry facilitated their task, however.

APIA: Roberts 5, McGinn 4, Jenkins 4, Wallace 4, McGhee 4, Russell 3, Blues 4, Rooney 4, Ollertron 3, Rogers 4, Butler 3.

Croatia: Corry 2, Clarke 3, Harris 3, Stewart 3 (replaced Brady half-time), Yaeger 3, Whalley 4, Doyle 3, Nixon 3, Sullivan 3, D Smith 4, Vojtek 4.

Scorers: Blues 30 min., Wallace 42 min., Jenkins 60 min., Butler 67 min.

Referee: H. Witschke.

Crowd: 3,459 — L.G.

It was a hot enough day, up a couple more in the and it looked at one stage 54/55th minutes when as if APIA physiotherapist Bruno Galle was sure to from a Blues cross, and Terry Butler missed goaling when Fraser's fist failed to contact the ball to sooth the fevered brow.

Perhaps that very same heat shone with extra devilry on St. George, already without John Warren, and overrappier Harry Williams, because they went flat in the middle of the game.

Neville Morgan came on for Hamilton after half-time, but it made no difference to the Saints, apart from the grain

A final word for "Quiet John" Russell, who did a power of work in APIA's rearguard, and also for Paul Coton, a solid and constructive defender for St George.

APIA: Roberts 4, McGinn 3, Jenkins 4, Wallace 4, McGhee 3, Russell 4

Blues 5 (Clarke 67 min.), Rooney 4, Ollertron 3, Rogers 4, Butler 4.

St. George: Fraser 3, Utjenovic 3, G. Harris 3, Schaefer 4, Coton 4, Stoddart 3, Herron 3, Abonyi 3, B. Harris 3 (Grose 49 min.), Hamilton 3 (Morgan 3), McDonald 4.

Scorers: Rogers 16 min. for APIA

Crowd: 8,015 (double-header). Referee: T. Davies (5)

A determined David Keddie slams Auburn's first goal past Pan Hellenic goalkeeper Tony Magis, but referee Peter Rampley doesn't look too impressed

Auburn v. Pan Hellenic 2-0

It was 1973 all over again!

By Lou Gautier —

he made a couple of great saves off other shots.

In the 30th minute the Hellenic keeper gave away a "silly" corner from a harmless speculator by Deller. From Malone's corner kick the ball came to Deller who did it on for David Keddie to score a typically opportunist goal.

The style might have been different, but all the disorganisation and clumsiness that made Pan Hellenic a not so funny joke in Sydney soccer were again amply in evidence.

They bore no resemblance to the side which had performed so well on their way to the semifinal.

Hellenic's abysmal fail are however, must not detract from Auburn's splendid win and only prove to their fans how far they have to go before they become a credible top four candidate.

With the exception of a tentative opening 15 minute stanza, when Auburn gave the impression of being overawed by the occasion and over-estimating their opponents, it was all Auburn, whose simple, direct football paid handsome dividends.

Goalie Steve Hoszowski, that fine young Auburn goalkeeper who has class stamped all over him, brilliantly saved shots from Dave Harkiss and Agenor Muniz in the 37th and 63rd minutes, and Paddy Buckley hit the crossbar in the 50th, but Auburn literally tore the Hellenic defence to shreds whenever they moved into attack.

Had Ivo Ristic, not nipped several promising attacks in the bud, so to speak, Auburn's winning margin could have even been greater.

Right-back Robert Barr was unable to hold Parker and consequently most of the damage came from Auburn's left wing.

Pat Deller was in the thick of things. He played a big part in Auburn's first goal and scored the second himself.

Tony Matis however carries a big responsibility for both goals even though

heomed into a more than useful, intelligent midfielder.

Raw-boned Steve Leak was a tower of strength in defence, and in attack Deller, Keddie and Parker ran rings round the Hellenic defence.

Ivo Ristic, and to a lesser degree Agenor Muniz, eschewed with untarnished reputations, but what can one say about their team-mates?

Where were Roko Ile, Raul Carrizo, Peter Brankin and Dave Harding?

Those key players, on whom the team built its earlier cup successes, sunk without a trace.

As for most of the Hellenic defenders and midfielders, their dulled reflexes and astonishingly inept control of the ball had to be seen to be believed!

Needless to say, none of the attractive team-work and method which characterised Pan Hellenic's play in earlier rounds were to be seen, with the exception of the first quarter, but then Carrizo ruined everything by trying to be too clever with the ball.

Auburn: Hoszowski 4, Lawson 4, Hughes 3, Malone 3, Leak 4, McMillan 3, Sidey 3, Stewart 4, Deller 4 (Quested 54 min.), Keddie 4, Parker 4

Pan Hellenic: Magis 3 (Meir 49 min.), Barr 2 (Buckley 43 min.), Ristic 4, Barbourtis 3, Bell 3, Stowell 3, Muniz 3, Harding 3, Brankin 3, Carrizo 3, Ile 3

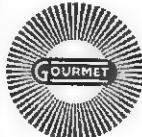
Scorers: Keddie 30 min., Deller 45 min. for Auburn

Referee: P. Rampley (5) Crowd: 8,015 (double header)



APIA's star midfielder Jim Rooney in action

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RESULTS & SCORERS

St. George

2 (0)

Stoddart 83 min., Warren 87 min.

Hakoah

0 (0)

Wests

1 (0)

Lindsay 62 min.

Croatia

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

6 (4)

Brankin 5 min., Harding 16 and 20 (penalty) mins., Carrizo 40 min., Buckley 79 min., Rudic 89 min.

Canterbury

1 (1)

Pocock (pen.) 44 min.

Yugal-Prague

1 (0)

Serdarevic 67 min.

Marconi

1 (0)

Samuel 50 min.

APIA

3 (2)

Ollerton 15 min., Butler 40 min., Rogers 49 min.

Auburn

2 (0)

Sidney 72 and 74 mins.

Safeway

2 (0)

Tolson 70 min., Rigby 89 min.

Sutherland

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Fraser 4, Utjesenovic 3, G. Harris 3, Schuefer 4, Coton 4, Stoddart 4, Herron 4, Abonyi 3, Warren 4, B. Harris 4 (W. Hamilton 75 min.), McDonald 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: M. Johnson.

Match rating: * * * *

Coe 3, Fekete 3, Mowbray 4, Wattiss 4, Marnoch 4, Mackay 3, Watson 3, Dolan 4, Fletcher 3, Baartz 4, Tracey 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: D. McLaren.

Eaton 3, Perry 3, Curran 3, Ferguson 4, Radcliffe 4, Gray 4, Trebilcock 4, Turner 3, Lindsay 4, T. Smith 3, Byles 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Scheinfug.

Match rating: * * * *

Corry 4, R. Johnson 3, M. Harris 3, Brady 4, Yaager 3, Whalley 4, Doyle 3, Nixon 4 (replaced Duma, 2, second half), Sullivan 3, D. Smith 3, Vojtek 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: M. Kess.

Tuinman 5, Fieldhouse 3 (Buckley 60 min.), Rudic 4, Barbottis 4, Palmer 3, Stowell 4 (Ekonomou 81 min.), Culleton 3, Harding 4, Brankin 4, Carrizo 4, Ile 4.

TOTAL: 42.

Coach: J. Kalageros.

Match rating: * * *

Fuzes 3, G. Brown 3, Whitehead 3 (replaced Henderson 24 min.), H. Xipolitas 2, J. Xipolitas 2, Balafas 2, Armytage 2, Keri 4, Pocock 3, Mullen 2 (Platta 82 min.), R. Brown 3.

TOTAL: 29.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Match rating: * * *

Petrovski 3, Trkulja 4, Boskovski 4, Velkovski 4, Rootsey 3, McDonald 3, Alapich 3, Mihajlovic 3, Walsh (replaced by Serdarevic 27 min.), Takac 4, Perry 3 (replaced by Kuzmanov 56 min.)

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: S. Ducevski.

Match rating: * * *

Murray 3, Degney 3, Robertson 3, Byrne 4, Moschen 4, Mihajlovic 3, Samuel 3, Campbell 3, Colusso 3, B. Jones 4, Griffiths 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * *

Roberts 3, McGinn 4, Jenkins 4, Wallace 4, McGehee 3, Rossell 3 Blues 5 (Clarke 74 min.), Rooney 4, Ollerton 4, Rogers 3 (Dal Farno 86 min.), Butler 4.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * * *

Hoszowski 5, McMillan 3, Hughes 3, Malone 4, Leak 4, Hucker 4, Quested 4, Sidey 3, Keddie 3 (Spinks 85 min.), Walker 2, Parker 8 (Stewart 64 min.)

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Marston.

Match rating: * * * *

Hesford 4, Tuckerman 4, Wilson 4, Gleeson 4, Thompson 4, Fryer 3, McGroarty 4, Tolson 5, Alston 4, Rigby 4.

TOTAL: 44.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Match rating: * * * *

Maher 5, Branson 4, Bennett 3, P. Smith 3, Wykes 4, Johnston 3, R. Griffiths 3 (Miller 85 min.), Iral 4, Thompson 3, Suggett 3, Cacciola 3 (Bourke 79 min.)

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

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SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

It would have taken a Hakoah miracle to switch off the St. George power over the last 20 minutes of their sparkling encounter at the Sportsground. The emerald green pitch — sloshy underfoot as the rain cascaded down — simply crackled as the Saints shrugged off the tackles, forcing Hakoah to defend as Ray Baartz drove the ball ahead to relieve the pressure. John Stoddart's electrifying 30-metre burst shot flashed into the net with seven minutes to go. Then, to emphasise the point, John Warren evaded Hakoah's defence to flick in another goal. Warren hit the deck with an injury immediately after, suffering a blow that was utterly unnecessary. A lot of the early damage that ultimately broke down the Hakoah resistance came from Jimmy Herron, who took on his man and shielded the ball with gusto. Crowd: 1,300. Referee: C. Wilkinson.

— KEITH GILMOUR

The match was surprisingly entertaining despite the atrocious condition of the water-logged Arlington pitch. After a shaky opening stanza, both teams were quick to find their feet on the treacherous surface and provided plenty of end to end stuff for the small crowd which braved the elements. Wests deserved their narrow win. They always held a slight edge in most departments. In defence their tackling was deadly effective and in attack they created more chances, especially with high balls in the goalmouth. Croatia erred by persisting to play the ball square and low — an impossible task on a mudheap. English import Mike Trebilcock created a good impression, especially in the first half, in his Australian debut and looks like a first-class catch. A feature of the match was the way Croatia's strikers fel for Wests' offside trap. Crowd: 650. Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

Pan Hellenic had the game won after only 20 minutes when they already led 3-0. The pathetically weak Canterbury defence was in difficulty straight from the kick-off against a smooth-running Hellenic, playing infinitely better than in their most recent Ampol Cup outings. The Xipolitas brothers were unable to hold Carrizo and Co. and their shakiness soon spread to the other members of the Canterbury defence. With a 4-1 lead at the break, Pan Hellenic were expected to carry on in the same vein after the interval, but, surprisingly, the Berries came out full of fight and it was only some brilliant goalkeeping by Jan Tuinman that stopped Canterbury pulling back at least two goals. Hellenic's play deteriorated considerably in the second half and it was only in the last 10 minutes that they gained a new lease of life to blast two more goals past Peter Fuzes. Crowd: 3,102. Referee: P. Rampsey.

— LOU GAUTIER

The first half is best forgotten, but in contrast the second started with a snapshot from Marconi's Barry Jones, that Yugal's replacement for Jan Tuinman — Jim Petrovski — did well to push around the post. Marconi took it from there, ending with a nice move from Alan Griffith, across goal to Jones who slipped it out for Gil. Samuel to net one of his special low drives. Then Marconi let the initiative slip, and Takac freekick, after Gary Byrne was penalised saw Nick Serdarevic rise beautifully for a headed equaliser. The Yugal side got rid of a lot of sweat from there. They made most of the chances and only hasty shooting and not quite enough fitness separated them from a win instead of a draw. Crowd: 1,225. Referee: G. Warne.

— KEITH GILMOUR

APIA could and should have won by a much bigger margin after a powerhouse, action-packed performance. Midfielders John Wallace and Jim Rooney dominated the game for APIA until midway through the second half. In this period APIA scored three goals and missed another half a dozen playing some excellent football in the process. The alert George Blues and Peter Ollerton were extremely dangerous when in possession in a combined effort which was hard to fault. Yet, in a two-minute lapse, the hard pressed Auburn were able to breakaway twice and score on both occasions. Frank Malone and Gary Quested had a great game for Auburn, but the pick of the team was young goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski, who made some breath-taking saves under considerable pressure. Crowd: 3,248. Referee: T. Davies.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Max Tolson led Safeway to a deserved win in a match full of interest for the drenched spectators. Tolson had a grand game and headed home United's first goal in the 70th minute from an Alston pass. Playing on a boggy pitch did not prevent the locals from producing some first-class football under adverse conditions. In the 11th and 19th minutes Tolson and then McGroarty shook the Sutherland crossbar with thundering drives. Alan Maher made several superb saves and one memorable one from a Tolson 12-metre drive midway through the first half. Sutherland created three clear chances, all in the first quarter hour, but McGroarty and Bingham gained a solid grip on the midfield and United stormed the Sutherland goal. Safeway's second goal, just on full-time, was as well executed as any seen at Woonona. Crowd: 2,055. Referee: A. McKenzie.

— PAUL POSETTI

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Safeway	2	1	1	4	0	3
APIA	1	1	1	3	1	2
Hakoah	1	1	1	3	2	2
Pan Hellenic	1	1	1	3	0	0
St. George	1	1	1	4	2	2
Auburn	1	1	1	4	2	2
Marconi	1	1	1	3	0	0
Canterbury	1	1	1	3	0	0
Wests	1	1	1	4	0	0

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	2	1	1	5	0	2
Marconi	1	1	1	3	1	2
Safeway	1	1	1	2	0	0
Pan Hellenic	1	1	1	2	0	0
Croatia	1	1	1	1	3	0
Hakoah	1	1	1	1	3	0
Yugal-Prague	1	1	1	1	3	0
Canterbury	1	1	1	1	3	0
APIA	1	1	1	2	0	0
Auburn	1	1	1	2	0	0
Sutherland	1	1	1	2	0	0

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	1	1	1	4	1	2
Granville	1	1	1	2	1	2
Manly	1	1	1	2	1	2
Guildford	1	1	1	0	0	1
NS-Inter	1	1	1	2	0	0
Corinthians	1	1	1	2	0	0
Moore Park	1	1	1	2	0	0
Banksia	1	1	1	2	0	0
Marrickville	1	1	1	2	0	0
Polonia	1	1	1	2	0	0
Ridgeway	1	1	1	2	0	0

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mandy	1	1	1	3	0	2
Corinthians	1	1	1	3	0	0
Balgownie	1	1	1	2	0	0
Banksia	1	1	1	2	0	0
Guildford	1	1	1	2	0	0
Marrickville	1	1	1	2	0	0
Polonia	1	1	1	2	0	0
Ridgeway	1	1	1	2	0	0

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George v. Hakoah	1	1	3	3	0	3
Yugal-Prague v. Marconi	3-1	0	3	3	0	3
APIA v. Auburn	2-0	0	3	2	0	3
P. Hellenic v. Canterbury	3-2	0	2	2	0	3
Wests v. Corinthians	1-0	0	3	1	0	3
Safeway v. Sutherland	postponed	0	0	0	0	0

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita v. Granville	1-2	0	0	0	0	0
Polonia v. Marrickville	1-0	1	3	1	3	0
Ridgeway v. Banksia	1-0	1	3	1	3	0
Guildford v. NS-Inter	0-0	2	2	0	0	0
Corinthians v. Manly	1-2	0	2	0	3	0

European Cup results

Champions' Cup: Celtic

Glasgow (Scotland) v. FC Basel (Switzerland) 4-2; CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) v. Bayern Munich (West Germany) 2-1; Ujpest (Hungary) v. Spartak Trnava (Czechoslovakia) 1-1; Atletico Madrid (Spain) v. Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 0-0.

Semifinal draw: Ujpest v. Bayern; Celtic v. Atletico.

Cup-Winners' Cup: Borussia Moenchengladbach (West Germany) v. Glentoran (Northern Ireland) 5-0; Borussia Stara Zagora (Bulgaria) v. FC Magdeburg (East Germany) 1-1; FC Zurich (Switzerland) v. Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 1-1; PAOK Salonika (Greece) v. AC Milan (Italy) 2-2.

Semifinal draw: Sporting v. Magdeburg; AC Milan v. Moenchengladbach.

UEFA Cup: Tottenham (England) v. FC Kolin (West Germany) 3-0; Lokomotive Leipzig (East Germany) v. Ipswich (England) 1-0.

Semifinal draw: Feyenoord (Holland) v. VFB Stuttgart (West Germany); Leipzig v. Tottenham.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

RAIN PLAYED HAVOC WITH OPENING ROUND

By CHARLES SPITERI —

The weather played havoc with the start of the competition and four teams missed out on the opening round, including newcomers Marrickville and Rapid River-side.

Most of the games in the lower grades were also postponed.

However, in the matches played, our forecast of a tough competition for the championship has been confirmed.

Balgownie, Granville and Melita will be the teams to fight it out for promotion.

Highlights from last week's matches:

Newtown v.

Balgownie 1-4

Despite the conditions, a large crowd turned out to watch a closely fought game which at times produced some fine football from both sides.

All three goals were scored in the first half and the interest and excitement kept the crowd in suspense to the final whistle.

There was little between the teams and the game flowed from one end to the other throughout.

Granville took the lead when Chris Spilarowicz collected a pass to slam home the first goal in the 10th minute, but Melita retaliated within two minutes with a brilliant 15-metre shot in the corner by Joe Farrugia.

Granville clinched victory in the 40th minute when a 25-metre drive by Laurie Waters completely deceived the own goal.

However, Ronald managed to get another goal 20 minutes into the second half

Waters completely deceived

the Melita goalkeeper, going high in the corner of the net.

The Fagles were a little unlucky in the second half when shots from Farrugia brought off two fine saves by young goalkeeper Steve Young.

For the Eagles, Knaus, Cook and Farrugia had good games while for Granville, Watson, Selfridge and Spilarowicz were the best.

Melita Eagles v. **Granville 1-2**

Melita Eagles: McKeechnie, Knaus, Cook, Van Blerk, Belenzuela, Molaneau (Hawkins), Farrugia (1), Henderson, Sciberras (Vrolyk), Dougan, Bankhead.

Granville: Watson, Selfridge, O'May, Brown, Gardner, Waters (1), Spilarowicz (1), Fraser, Smith, Gilmour, Allan (Jones).

Corinthians v. **Manly 1-2**

Manly sorted all their problems in time for this match but had to rely on an own goal by Bert Jagger to collect both points from a rather scrappy game.

Archie Blue was cleared in time to play and Bill Hutchinson also sorted his differences with the club.

However, Manly were rather unimpressive and only led at halftime because of the own goal.

Johnny Mack who, incidentally, had a splendid game, scored the equaliser for Corinthians, but another defensive mistake let Manly in, this time through Colin Waller.

Manly had a lucky escape towards the end when a high shot was cleared off the line by fullback Phil Russell.

Corinthians: Richardson, McAlloch, Draddy, Mack (1), Jagger (e.g.), Newton, Stevens, Hendry, Evans, Pappas, Collar.

Manly: Greig, Russell, Dunwell, Gosling, Hutchinson, Stock, Crawford, Mallam, Blue, Stonehouse, Waller (1) (Stedman).

Guildford v.

NS-Inter 0-0

In a game very much affected by the heavy ground, a draw was perhaps a fair result.

Guildford had a few opportunities in the first 20 minutes, but the forwards failed to take them and whenever they broke through they found Fred Wupper in the Inter goal in great form.

Norths played better in the second half and had their chances too, but the game was dominated by the defences, which were in complete control throughout.

John Brewin played well for Guildford at centre-half while Norths' two new English fullbacks, Brian Maxwell and Robert Jones, were the pick of the team.

Guildford: Wilson, Parle, Bewin, Lowe, Schofield, Hayde (Cornford), Ashby, Coleman, Lambert, Dobbin, Williams.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Jones, Maxwell, Spreien, Ribera, Impelzeri, Latimer, Polotto (Sommer), Massi, Dimento, Rushworth.

THIS WEEK

All the top teams seem to have drawn "weak" opposition in Round 2.

However, as always, there could be upsets and the ones that could surprise are newcomers Marrickville against Melita, who will be out to prove themselves.

Other outsiders will include Corinthians, against Granville at Garside Park, and Polonia, away to Balgownie.

I tip Melita, Granville and Balgownie to win well, with Rapid River-side, Newtown and Manly to collect full points also.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

With the final preliminary round scheduled for Olympic Park this Saturday night, the Ampol Cup heads for its concluding stages with the semifinals due next week and the final the week after.

This Saturday's fixtures are:

George Cross v. Polonia

SM Hellas v. Slavia

George Kotaridis, the Melbourne defender, is presently back in Greece on a holiday.

Eddie Boyd, the Slavia striker who joined the club three years ago after playing with Dumbarton and in English non-league soccer, is another player who is returning to the UK soon. Boyd has been a consistent performer and a goalscorer since joining Johnny Sanchez' team.

Gilbert Martin, who has been back and forward several times as secretary of Juventus in the past decade and more, has once again resigned after reported differences with the club administration.

BARRY WEBB BACK?

Two years ago Austria in their first season in State League soccer caused something of a stir by finishing in the top half of the ladder in sixth position. Last year, however, they went to the pack and only the diabolical displays and results of Box Hill saved them from relegation. Man they missed last season was Barry Webb, their top scorer in 1972 whose studies kept him from playing soccer. Now that Barry has intimated he will be back this season, Austria's prospects could be enhanced. And Barry's brother John, also a striker, who had a lean year last year, could also benefit from his return. The Webb's are Londoners.

One of the bright spots of 1974 so far is the remarkable comeback of Keith Webster, the Juventus utility player who broke his leg last season in the match against Wilhelmina. Keith, a "Geordie" from the Newcastle district who played as a professional with Newcastle, Darlington, York City and Notts County before coming to Australia to join Juventus five years ago, has been in great form in the night soccer and at 29 he still has many more years left in State League soccer.

A year ago the big Wilhelmina goalkeeper Hans Van Egmond went into dispute with the club and stood on the touchlines all season. His place was filled admirably by the veteran Tom Carmichael (ex-Lions) who came out of retirement. Now with Van Egmond back between the sticks for the Ringwood side, it is reported that Tom Carmichael is having differences with Wilhelmina although the issue has not been revealed.

Did South Melbourne-Hellas err in allowing striker David Gorrie to transfer to Juventus last year? It seems so as reports indicate they would like to have their former player back and especially when they have lost their scoring touch and are reported to be looking for a striker.

LIONS' JUNIORS

Former State League club Lions, who have wallowed near the bottom of the First Division since they were relegated three years ago, are banking on a long-term policy of juniors. At present they have over 100 lads of all ages being put through their paces at Montgomery Park, which is badly in need of renovation and repair.

Mooroolbark, who make their debut in State League soccer next month, recently secured the brothers Stewart and David Black from Dandenong in a player-exchange deal.

Tipped to pack his bags from his present club — South Melbourne-Hellas — is former Croatia striker Billy McIntrye, who three years ago scored a hat-trick for Croatia in the Inter-City Ampol Cup final in Sydney against Western Suburbs McIntrye, who comes from Port Glasgow and had a spell with Aberdeen, is tipped to join Hugh Murray's Albion Rovers in the First Division.

Just at a time when they had practically resolved all their player problems and got Ian Shanks, Bob Dobbing, Ian McCarthy and Alistair Scott back in action, Melbourne have suffered a crushing blow with the news that the talented Scot and scorer, Gordon Bentley, is likely to be out of action for about six months after suffering a leg break in a recent practice match against the State team.

FIGHT-TEAM LADIES' LEAGUE

The Victorian Women's Soccer Association is hoping to get their eight-club league started next month.

Eddie Widera, the Polonia forward who has been with the club for the past five years, is heading home to Poland shortly following in the way of Polonia's coach Richard Gamanski.

Controversial and colorful Mike O'Hara, a former State side keeper, is back with Slavia after being out of action for a long time through dispute. Mike, formerly played for Hakoah, and his English club was Swindon Town.

The decline of Box Hill, who were once again relegated from the State League, continues as this old club, who only last year celebrated their 50 years in soccer, made a lightning exit from this year's Dockerty Cup when they were knocked out in the first round by East Melbourne. And East Melbourne last year were just about the lowest of the lowest, finishing second from the bottom of the Metropolitan Fourth Division.

— JIM COOK

Amateur kick-off one week away

Next weekend will see the opening of a very exciting season for Third Division, and Inter-suburban Divisions I, II and III.

Looking at Third Division, Wenty Waratahs have looked well in the trials, and it is on the cards that they could shoot up the table.

Return of in-form Les Gathcrole from Melita has helped and also having Des Ryan in a Wenty shirt again.

Lethbridge Park were going well and Wenty downed them 5-1, and they recorded the same score against Eastwood Town last Sunday.

They collected a 2-2 draw with Northern Districts

Ku-ring-gai coach Nic Dalglish is producing a well-conditioned, hard-running side.

They have Paul Lamb (ex-North Sydney) to replace Duncan Wilson in goal, and have collected some real talent by combining the district competition.

Our West Sutherland way the club has gained some experienced players from the Quantas club and are facing the season with plenty of confidence.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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RESULTS & SCORERS

Sutherland

2 (0)
Cacciola 54 min., Bourke 69 min.

P. Hellenic

2 (1)
Harding 29 and 78 mins.
(both penalties).

Croatia

0 (0)

A.P.I.A.

1 (0)
Butler 39 min.

Auburn

1 (1)
Keddie 19 min.

Yugal-Prague

1 (0)
J. Alagich 82 min.

Marconi

1 (0)
Richards 59 min.

St. George

1 (0)
Warren 50 min.

Hakoah

1 (1)
Morrow 9 min.

Safeway

1 (1)
Tolson 3 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Wests

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Haynes 4, Branson 3, Bennett 4, P. Smith 4, Wykes 3, Johnston 3, R. Griffiths 3, Trial 4, P. Thompson 3, Bourke 3, Cacciola 4 (Suggett 78 min.)

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Match rating: * ***** ***** *****

Finnman 3, Brankin 3, Radic 4, Barbourtis 3, Palmer 3, Stowell 4, Culleton 3 (Buckley 63 min.), Harding 3, Manuel 3, Carrizo 4, Ile 3

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: J. Kalageros.

Corry 4, R. Johnston 3, Wignall 3, Brady 5, Yaeger 4, Whalley 3, Doyle 3, Nixon 3 (Duma, second half, 3), M. Harris 3, Sullivan 3, Vojtek 3

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Match rating: * ***** *****

Roberts 4, McGinn 3, Jenkins 3, Wallace 3, McGhee 3, Russell 4, Blues 3, Rooney 4, Ollerston 5, Rogers 3, Butler 4

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Hoszowski 3, Lawson 3, Hughes 4, Malone 3, Leah 3 (McMillan 84 min.), Hucker 4, Quested 3, Stewart 3, Keddie 3, Walker 4, Sidey 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: J. Marston.

Match rating: * ***** *****

Petrovski 3, Trkulja 1 4, Boskovski 3, Velkovski 3, Rootsey 3, S. McDonald 5, J. Alagich 3, Mihajlovic 3, Serdarevic 3, Perry 3 (Trkulja II 75 min.), Kuzmanov 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

Murray 4, Degney 4, Robertson 4, Moschen 5, Jones 3, Richards 4, Mihajlovic 3, Campbell 3, Brajkovic 3, Milien 3, A. Griffiths 4

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * ***** ***** *****

Fraser 4, Utjesenovic 4, G. Harris 3, Schaefer 4, Coton 4, Stoddart 3, Herron 3, Ahonyi 4, Warren 4, Hamilton 4, J. McDonald 3

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: M. Johnson.

Match rating: * ***** ***** *****

Coe 3, Fekete 3, Mowbray 4, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 4, Mackay 3, Muniz 3 (O'Connor 81 min.), Dolan 3 (Watson 66 min.), Fletcher 3, Baartz 4, Morrow 3

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: D. MacLaren.

Match rating: * *****

Hesford 4, Tuckerman 3, Wilson 4, Gleeson 3, Thompson 3, Bingham 2 (Stonehouse 46 min., 2), Fryer 3, McGroarty 3, Tolson 4, Alston 3, Rigby 3

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Match rating: * ***** *****

Fuzes 4, G. Brown 3, Whitehead 4, Mullen 3, J. Xipolitas 3, Balafas 3, Armitage 3, Keri 3 (Welton 75 min.), Pocock 3, Piatta 4 (H. Xipolitas 86 min.), R. Brown 4.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Match rating: * ***** *****

Eaton 4, Perry 3, Ferguson 3, Radcliffe 3, Curran 4, Gray 3, Trebilcock 3, Turner 3 (Turnbull 72 min.), Lindsay 3, T. Smith 3 (replaced by Iswadi, 3, 46 min.), Byles 4.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Match rating: * ***** *****

Referee: A. Boskovic.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Sutherland's young, inexperienced defenders literally handed one point to Pan Hellenic, who on their second half display, did not deserve it. Two hand balls, one in each half, resulted in penalties which Dave Harding gratefully converted. Though both were clear-cut penalties, Pan Hellenic were truly beaten. After dominating a drab first half, Hellenic's defence made two huge blunders, both of which resulted in opportunist Sutherland goals. There was no stopping the eager-beaver locals after that and they all but swept Hellenic off their feet, but just when a third Sutherland goal looked imminent, a defender handled again to save a disappointing Pan Hellenic the indignity of defeat. Sutherland's 15-minute scoring burst brought the game to life and fans were treated to a cracking, exciting last 33 minutes.

Crowd: 2,517.

Referee: T. Davies.

— LOU GAUTIER

APIA could not reproduce the form that enabled them to thrash Croatia 4-0 in the Ampol Cup play-off and for the first 40 minutes the home team dominated the field. In the 39th minute, against the run of the play, a Rogers pass from the right corner flag found Terry Butler lurking in front of the near goalpost, whose glancing header gave Ron Corry no chance to save. The goal revitalised APIA and only the first half whistle stopped them from increasing their lead. The second period was played at three-quarter pace, mostly in midfield, with Croatia trying desperately to equalise and APIA looking happy with their lead. APIA nearly paid the penalty for their "safety first" tactics because Croatia created a few good scoring chances and, with a bit of luck they could have snatched at least a point in the last 20 minutes or so.

Crowd: 3,005.

Referee: G. Warne.

— FRANK JORDAN

A typical goal by Joe Alagich enabled Yugal-Prague to snatch a point late in the match. Alagich pounced when young Leak was slow in clearing the ball and forced it into the net in a flash. The draw was just about a fair result on the whole 90 minutes, with Auburn having the best of things in the first half and Yugal coming into the game after the interval. The fans, however, probably questioned whether either team was worthy of any points at all. One of the few bright spots of a match marred by inept passing was Steve McDonald's performance for Yugal-Prague. He was absolutely dominant in his tackling and his thoughtful distribution was in glaring contrast to the haphazard display by almost all the others.

Crowd: 1,120.

Referee: B. Wilkinson.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

In a game where defence was the predominant feature, Marconi and St. George justly shared the spoils in a hard fought encounter. Both teams had the chances to swing the result their way, but the defences played so well that the forwards hardly could take the full blame for missing easy chances. Ray Richards, back after suspension, made a lot of difference to the Marconi midfield, which worked cohesively to link the defence and attack with precision and calculated skills. Alfredo Moschen was again a tower of strength, subduing the St. George forwards who could not beat him either with skill or speed. Willie Hamilton and John Warren produced some brilliant movements and at times did open some gaps, but these weren't wide enough to give Samis a winning advantage. Manfred Schaefer and Paul Coton were also very safe in the St. George defence which kept the lively Marconi attack under control throughout.

Crowd: 2,200.

Referee: P. Rampey.

— CHARLES SPITERI

The first 20 minutes gave promise of an exciting match and the next 70 completely disproved the point. Safeway used Peter Wilson and Jim Gleeson to pull the shutters down on the keen but unimaginative Hakoah forwards, and for the most part Alan Marnoch was quite able to box up the Safeway "strikers". Max Tolson's third minute goal resulted from superb judgment as he nudged the ball away from Martin Coe. Hakoah thoroughly deserved their equaliser through Tom Morrow. Throughout the rest of the match enough chances were made but Muniz, Fletcher, Baartz, Watkiss and Morrow either recorded near misses or bombed them altogether with monotonous regularity. Safeway's semifinal bid is so obviously geared to home wins and away draws it is not football more than this.

Crowd: 1,520.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— KEITH GILMOUR

After an even 25 minutes, Wests' forwards started to stretch the Canterbury defence and it looked as if goals must come Steve Perry, overlapping down the right wing, and the delicately-placed passes of Trebilcock worried the Canterbury side. However, the tenacious Berries sensed the lack of cohesion in between the Magpies' back-line and forwards, and started to play more confidently to put together some smart movements. The whole Canterbury defence threw themselves into their task and never allowed Wests any breathing space. Ross Brown in the midfield played cultured football for a youngster. Peter Fuzes in goal, and Joe Whitehead provided the stability in the back to hold out for a well-deserved draw.

Crowd: 1,124.

Referee: A. McKenzie.

— ANDY HENDERSON

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	2	—	8	1	4	
APIA	2	—	5	1	4	
Yugal-Prague	2	—	5	2	4	
St. George	2	—	1	3	2	
Pan Hellenic	1	1	3	2	3	
Wests	7	—	2	2	2	
Safeway	1	—	4	6	2	
Auburn	—	2	1	4	0	
Marconi	2	2	0	5	0	
Croatia	3	2	0	0	0	
Canterbury	3	3	1	5	0	

FIRST DIVISION

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	2	—	9	1	4	
St. George	2	—	9	8	4	
Safeway	1	1	3	5	3	
Pan Hellenic	1	—	3	0	2	
Wests	7	—	3	3	1	
Croatia	1	—	4	1	1	
Sutherland	—	1	2	1	5	
Hakoah	—	1	1	2	1	
APIA	—	1	2	6	0	
Yugal-Prague	—	1	2	6	0	
Canterbury	—	3	2	9	0	

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	1	1	3	2	4	
Guildford	1	1	3	2	2	
Marconi	1	—	3	2	2	
Bankstown	1	—	2	0	2	
Rapid R'side	1	—	2	1	2	
Manly	1	—	4	4	2	
Marrickville	1	—	4	2	2	
Corinthians	1	—	4	2	1	
Wests	1	—	4	2	0	
NS Inter	1	—	4	2	0	
Newtown	2	—	3	2	0	
Corinthians	2	—	3	2	0	
Polonia	—	—	—	—	—	

SECOND DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	2	—	4	6	4	
Bankstown	1	—	3	2	2	
Malta Eagles	1	—	3	1	2	
Granville	1	—	3	1	2	
NS Inter	1	—	3	0	1	
Rapid R'side	1	—	3	0	1	
Guildford	1	—	3	0	1	
Marrickville	1	—	3	0	0	
Newtown	1	—	3	0	0	
Corinthians	1	—	3	0	0	
Polonia	—	—	—	—	—	

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

(Second v. Third Grades)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury v. APIA	2	—	0	2	0	
St. George v. Pan Hellenic	0	—	1	1	1	
Sutherland v. Safeway	0	—	2	2	2	
Marconi v. St. George	0	—	2	1	1	
Auburn v. Yugal-Prague	1	—	1	2	3	0

SECOND DIVISION

(All Grades)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marrickville v. Malta Eagles	2	—	1	2	1	
Granville v. Corinth	1	—	1	0	1	
NS Inter v. Rapid	1	—	2	3	0	
Bankstown v. Safeway	1	—	2	3	0	
Bankstown v. N Town	2	—	2	0	2	
Manly v. Guildford	2	—	4	2	1	

JUNIOR RESULTS

UNDER-14

Gladysville II v. St. Sth. Districts	3-1

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OUR WORLD CUP 22

WE'LL NEED DEFENDERS IN GERMANY

— By LINCOLN WALTERS —

Last week my colleague Lou Gautier gamely declared his choice of 22 players for the World Cup; I'd like to add my tuppence worth to it if it counts for anything.

Basically I agree with his "selections," as will most fans.

Where I beg to differ is the structure of the squad.

He picked his 22 as if it was a normal squad, going into a normal battle against an opposition of equal strength.

I would caution against this: for the World Cup Australia will need more defensive players and less strikers.

Gautier chose six fullbacks and five midfielders; in both categories I would take seven players.

I feel his suggested eight strikers are a great luxury; five would be my limit.

Now, my squad:

Goalless: Fraser, Mihailjevic, Maher.

Defenders: Utješenovic, Curran, Williams, Rooney, Wilson, Schaefer and Watson.

Midfielders: Richards, Mackay, Warren, Rooney, McDonald, Tolson and Harding.

Strikers: Abonyi, Alston, Baartz, Manuel and Campbell.

Perhaps this needs some explanation — and let me hasten to point out that personal likes and dislikes don't play any part in my suggestions.



This determined header by Hakoah muddle man Jim Mackay left Safeway's McGroarty flatfooted in last Sunday's most forgettable 1-1 draw at Wentworth Park.

The five strikers I would select are all capable of hard grafting as well as front-running; playing the piano or carrying it.

The same cannot possibly be said about the little virtuoso, Billy Vojtek who is a typical speedy striker and no more.

Ollerton is the ideal centre striker in a team built for attack (especially if he has a George Blues on the flank with him), a player who must be catered

for with almost innumerable high crosses before he nods one home.

Against either Germany, he would be like a fish washed ashore.

Buljevic, despite the high regard in which Rasic holds him (to me an eternal mystery), is far too slow, cumbersome and circumspect to be of any use in a tense, fast-moving match.

If Rasic decides to take a few young hopefuls with him on the journey, John Russell and Terry Butler are the ones that should be in the running for berths.

However, this may come about only if any of the "regulars" drops out with a serious injury in the next few weeks.

for with almost innumerable high crosses before he nods one home.

In the absence of any suddenly emerging new stars, he could have kept this unit together, undisturbed and fortified with an open expression of trust.

Instead, he has decided to dig out from the mothball his old limb paper and test new hopefuls, like Reilly, Pye, Ollerton, Pocock, Harding, et al, in case this fresh brew somehow, miraculously, tasted any better.

Whether Rasic likes it or not — he doesn't actually — his course of action will be set for him by the circumstances and opponents in the World Cup.

He will not have the choice of tactics and strategies in any of the three matches: Australia will defend at least 90 percent of the time.

Rasic knows this; the players know this; we all know this.

In that case, what options has he got? Only one: to bring together a team of defenders and midfielders — minus any strikers at all.

Any Ollerton-type of striker, a front runner pure and simple, who has to be catered for, will be an incredible luxury in matches where the accent is heavily or almost exclusively on defence.

DICTUM

It is quite likely that sooner or later Rasic will accept this dictum and shape his team accordingly. If so, it wouldn't surprise us a bit to see him use one sweeper, four fullbacks and five midfielders in two waves — with no orthodox striker at all.

Such a team could defend, hold the ball in midfield for at least short periods and occasionally even lurch forward, cautiously and probably briefly.

We do have many midfield players who can also weave an attacking pattern and hit the ball from a distance almost as well as the orthodox forwards; these latter, however, would be of little use to the defence.

Is this type of formation ultra defensive, perhaps even pessimistic? By all means.

But anything else will be an invitation to Australia's suicide in the Cup.

To me it is most amazing that Rasic is not using whatever little time there is left to drill his team in just such a play.

Being a realistic man, he must know that this is his only chance of avoiding some awful drubbings at the hands of the two Germanys and even perhaps Chile.

One can only sympathise with Rasic for the botch our administration has created for him; the incredible lack of preparations throughout 1974.

But he must now live with this unhappy fact and salvage whatever he can through cool thinking and planning.

Should the team flop in the Cup, Rasic will be the first crucified, not the little known or totally obscure officials who had all but sabotaged our preparations.

So far, after each and every World Cup bid, Australia's national coach vanished from the scene.

It would be a pity if Rasic followed them.

— MIKE RENWICK

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Two South Coast car firms are prepared to foot the bill for two or three good players to help Balgownie win promotion to First Division this season.

The firms are Bulli Motor Village and Miller Brothers, who last week joined forces with the Magpies.

Balgownie are now scrutinising the transfer lists in Sydney to see if they can attract two top midfielders who can fit into their team.

Club officials are also looking beyond Sydney and negotiations have been started to attract some top-line players from England or Scotland, but not necessarily for this season.

Club secretary Phil Murphy said this week: "We missed out last year because we could not get one or two good players in midfield, but with five new signings already this season, plus an additional two top players now available, thanks to our sponsors, we have a good chance of winning the Second Division title."

— CHARLES SPITERI



Sir Arthur George

this view was clearly communicated to Mr. Havelange.

I therefore feel that in stating that Australia will vote for Sir Stanley Rous you have conveyed an impression which does not accord with the facts

I would not, for one moment, preclude the possibility that Australia will vote for Mr. Havelange.

It is possible that the final determination will only be made after hearing from both of them on their attitude towards the matters that I have put before them.

The recommendation to be made by me will depend on the attitude of the two candidates to the specific problems of Australia and

Sir ARTHUR GEORGE,
President, Australian
Soccer Federation

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

TOUGH FOR BALGOWNIE IN SYDNEY THIS WEEK

By CHARLES SPITERI —

After two rounds of the competition — not even fully completed at that — only Balgownie are sitting pretty from all the promotion hopefuls.

The Magpies did not Granville v. Corinthian 1-1 play last weekend because some Council official down the Coast decided ON FRIDAY that the ground was unplayable ON SUNDAY!

So they sat back and watched Granville having their wings clipped by Corinthian and Melita Eagles struggle to salvage a point against newcomers Marrickville.

Marrickville v.
Melita Eagles 2-2

Tall midfielder Norman Hanlon twice put Marrickville in the lead and the Eagles forced a draw with only six minutes to spare.

Hanlon and George McCulloch teamed up to grab the midfield away from Melita in the first half and against a strong breeze the Fagles rarely threatened the Marrickville goal with the exception of Joe Farrugia, who cracked in the equaliser just before halftime.

After Marrickville went ahead soon after the resumption, Melita were still running ragged, but striker Farrugia rose again to the occasion to get the side out of trouble with another brilliant goal in the top corner of the net.

Fullback Steve Hardy had a tremendous game in the Marrickville defence.

Marrickville: Horiotopoulos, Hardy, Muris, Pondeka, McLoughlin, Hanlon (2), Mackin, Gould, McCarthy, McCulloch, Henshaw.

Melita Eagles: McKernie, Knutus (Molyneux), Cook, Van Blerk, Balenzuela, Dougan, Hawkins (Vrolyks), Matthews, Sciberras, Farrugia (2), Henshaw.

Corinthians 1-1

A magnificent performance by Corinthian's goalie Gary Richardson gave Granville their first shock of the season when they could only pick up a point at home.

It was a hard, fast game right from the word go and once Bert Jagger put Corinthian in front from the penalty spot Granville were in trouble.

But after the break, the locals quickened the pace and Graham Hann finally broke away midway through the second half to beat Richardson with a thundering shot.

The game was kicked off by the Granville M.L.A., Mr. Pat Flaherty.

Granville: Watson, Selfridge, O'May, Brown, Gardiner, Waters, Spilarowicz, Gilmour, Smith, Fraser, Hann (1).

Corinthians: Richardson, McCulloch, Draddy, Jagger (1), Harmon, Pappas (Stevens), Fowler, Hendry, Evans, Codling, Corral.

NS-Inter v.
Rapid 1-2

A goal in the third minute by Frank Eipelauer paved the way for a narrow, but deserved victory for Rapid in their initial game in Second Division.

Paul Massi, the former Canterbury player, equalised for Inter from the penalty spot before Klaus Okon, in a solo effort, tore down the wing to slam home the winner from 40 metres, after a deflection by Impelezzeri in the 84th minute.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Jones, Maxwell, Ribeiro, Thompson, Impelezzeri, Spresian, Polotto, Massi (1), Somer, Rutherford.

Rapid: Iro, Threlfo, Oxon (1), Telfer, Szmidt, Stuart, Williams, Prophé, Jenkins, H. Peldauer (1), Hillhouse (Doller).

Manly v.

Guildford 2-3

An impressive performance by 19-year-old forward Michael Stephenson helped Guildford turn the tables on Manly at Inman Park.

Guildford exploited the looseness in the Manly defence while withstanding many pressures exerted by the Manly forwards.

Chris Lowe and John Brewin were exceptionally steady when Manly tried to salvage a point towards the end of an exciting match.

Guildford: Wilson, Parle, Brewin, Lowe, Schofield, Cornford, Dobbins (1), (Giffiths) Hayde, Stephenson, Williams (2), Coleman

Bankstown v.
Newtown 2-0

Newtown matched their opponents in an even first half as the ball switched from one end to the other.

However, after the break, David Burke put the Towns in the lead with a well taken goal after splitting the Newtown defence.

Eddie Paterson, back in the team after a long spell with a broken leg last season, sealed the result for Bankstown with a penalty, 10 minutes from the end.

Bankstown: Amory, Fitzgerald, Hughes, Madden, Sheldrick, Farrell, Paterson (1), Reynolds, Jankowski, Flick, Burke (1).

THIS WEEK

Most important match of the weekend is the clash between Balgownie and Melita Eagles at Mona Park.

The Fagles will have to pull all stops against the Magpies, if their promotion hopes are not to take a severe tumble while the provincials are almost certain to have some new faces in their team to make sure of victory.

On present indications, Balgownie should start favourites, but a draw is also a distinct possibility.

In the other matches I take Granville, Marrickville, Newtown and Guildford to win, and Polonia and Bankstown to draw.

SYDNEY DIVISION THIRD

Belmore and Campbelltown City celebrate the start of the Third Division season by setting themselves up on two excellent grounds — Belmore at Black Oval, Canterbury, and Campbelltown at the new Wedderburn Park in Rangers Road, South Campbelltown.

Belmore set up a separate committee to handle senior affairs, which gives both seniors and juniors the chance to concentrate closely on their own areas of operation.

Coach for 1974 is Dennis Brooker, who replaces evergreen Col Rae. He has some good material to work on, as the average age of players over the three teams is only 20 years.

Dennis is also an outstanding goalkeeper, and the Belmore brigade consider themselves fortunate that Canterbury did not retain him after he started there in 1973.

Amongst the Belmore players are Wayne Wardman and John Brown, both of whom played superbly in Belmore High's strong Tasman Cup side in 1973.

Warringah are hoping for big things, starting with their clash with Northern Districts at Graham Reserve on Sunday.

Ron Bartlett has put the side through some commando-type preparations, and strength has been gained by the signing of Bobby Jones and Roy Barker from Manly. Revesby Workers open up at Milperra Reserve against West Ryde on Sunday. Brian Jerrison and Ken Thorpe are shaping well, as is Greg Gill in defence.

The Workers pulled off a 2-2 draw with Second Division Bankstown in the final of the Neil Adams Memorial Day competition — a good sign for the year.

This weekend's draw:
Saturday: Nepean United v. West St. George — Cook Park, Bondi Marines v. Concordia — Waverley Oval 1, Sydney Uni v. Padstow Park — Sydney Uni, No. 2, North Bankstown v. Lethbridge Park — George Green Oval, North Ryde v. Auburn Juniors — North Ryde Oval, Kingsford v. Earlwood — Turramurra Park.

Sunday: Arncliffe RSL v. Blacktown Spartan — Arncliffe Park, Riverstone-Schofield v. Chelsea — Schofields Park, Yagoona v. Greenwich — O'Neil Park, Queens Park v. Toongabbie — Queens Park, Lane Cove v. Artarmon — Pottery Green, Revesby Rovers v. Macquarie Uni. — Amour Park, South Sydney v. Maroubra Utd — Booval Park, Holroyd v. Eastwood Town — W. Guildford, Ryde District v. Cabramatta — E.I.S. Hall S/G, Canley Heights v. Baulkham Hills — King Park, Blacktown Spurs v. Hurstville — Marayone Oval, Fairfield-Kew v. Dee Why — Knight Park

Their first team has been strengthened by former West Ryde players Bruce West and Cam McDonald, and two thirds of the play

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

John Gorton, the former Board of Management chairman, is not optimistic on the success of GTV 9 televising State League games this season. Gorton has said our standard is not good enough for "live" screening and I subscribe to this view. GTV 9 and the VSF are reported to have signed a contract to screen the games for the next three years with reports that no fee will change hands for the first season and no report of the remuneration the VSF will get for the last two years of the contract.

Sjel De Bruyckere, the former Dutch and Australian international who has coached several State League clubs since quitting the playing side of the game nearly a decade ago, is back in business after being jobless for some time. Sjel has taken on the hot seat of soccer and is now coach to Polonia following the recent resignation of Richard Gamaski who is going overseas. To get Polonia back on the rails after a diabolical night soccer season, De Bruyckere needs at least several new signings and plenty of time.

NEW GROUND FOR CROSS

George Cross, who have played on many different grounds since they came into the State League in 1958, are on the move once more after having rented JUST's New Footscray Road quarters for the past three years. The Cross are to set up shop temporarily at Martin Reserve, Fawkner, in the Northern District of Melbourne, and hope eventually to become the tenant of a large sports complex being planned by the Broadmeadows Council.

Buck for a third stint as secretary of Juventus is John D'Andrea, one of the founder members of the VSF and who succeeds the deposed Gilbert Martin, who also had three stints as scribe of the club.

George Cross have recently played a series of charity games in the Broadmeadows district in a goodwill campaign and among those who benefited was one of the minor Australian Rules clubs

Nothing definite has yet been decided in connection with running soccer pools in Victoria. At least this was the impression gained following a recent TV interview given by the Victorian Premier, Mr. Hamer.

Reports that Peter Bourne, the brilliant South Melbourne-Hills midfielder will move to Hakoah and that Mike Pye, the backbone of the Wilhelmina defence, could land in Sydney are apparently without substance.

Hakoah recently cancelled Frankston Pines' new ground — Monterey Reserve — which includes a \$24,000 pavilion which the club have almost all paid off. Hakoah did the right thing too — they took their strongest team, including Jack Reilly, Mick Micevski, etc.

NIEROBICZ COMES HOME

George Nierobicz, the Keilor City player who was transferred to Polonia last season, has returned to Keilor.

Steve Gadsby, of Hakoah, has been out of action for several weeks with a bout of glandular fever.

Joe Mifsud, the Hibernians (Malta) defender who has been in Melbourne for fully 18 months trying to get a clearance from his former club, has, according to a report from Malta, a \$4,000 fee on his head. Both George Cross and Green Gully Ajax have been reported to be angling after his services.

Rudy Muske, the clever Wilhelmina forward, has been missing from the Ringwood side's ranks lately. And for good reason — he is holidaying honeymooning back in Holland.

— JIM COOK

BONDI-CONCORDIA TO OPEN SEASON

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Inter-Suburban divisions have consolidated into excellent competitions over the past few years, and this weekend's opening round should bring some bright displays.

In First Division Bondi Marines and Concordia meet at Waverley Oval, and Nepean plays St. George on Cook Park — two fine Saturday offerings.

Concordia will need to have their wits about them to cope with Bondi, who are in peak condition under the gentle coaxing of big Ronnie Davis.

Last year Bondi were third in the competition, and this year they will field former Irish pro Joey Campbell and John Oxley in the midfield.

In defence they have picked up Nigel Luxton, formerly with Maroubra. The front line will have stalwarts Alan Ward and Alex Gardiner, plus new signings Ernie Roberts and John Carter.

Greenwich, who try conclusions with Yagoona at O'Neil Park on Sunday, have lost the services of Fred Hanley, who has finally packed it up.

Goalscorer Graham Furrell has headed back to Ring-ga, but additions to the team have left it stronger than in 1973, with the exception perhaps of stopper.

Lane Cove, who have strengthened by former West Ryde players Bruce West and Cam McDonald, believe they have now plumbed the depths,

and are aiming to head up wards again.

New secretary David Burke is confident the Coves are back on the move. The first team is almost completely changed from last year, and coach Steve Robinson, a former Grimsby Town player, has been working them well.

Newcomers are mainly locals, with Billy Duncan a good gain, as well as some Englishmen.

Lethbridge, under former Auburn and South Coast player Jim Strachan, included a 3-0 win over Marrickville in their trial game bag, and reckon it was no fluke.

They have collected Danny Chalmers, ex-Auburn, and John Hayes, from South Sydney Amateurs and another worthwhile gain is former Manly player, Kevin McCallum.

Eastwood Town wound up the trials with a 4-2 win over Northern Districts and with Willie Cunningham and Morrie Smith providing the experience they could well be the team to watch.

Their first team has been strengthened by former West Ryde players Bruce West and Cam McDonald, and two thirds of the play

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CHAMPIONSHIP 1974

Full Sunday round has star quality

By LOU GAUTIER

No matter how attractive Sunday's round, attendances are bound to be affected by Saturday's Australia v. Uruguay international at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

A pity, really, because several of the Round 6 stages of the Ampol Cup, Derek Smith is sorely missed in their attack, but the defence is not all that hot either and may even have trouble containing as lacklustre an attack as Marconi's where I would like to see Ernie Campbell allowed to play as a true striker at last.

Marconi v. Croatia

Without last Sunday's 1-0 win against Wests, Marconi would now be in equal last place with the hapless Croatia.

Marconi, however, have nothing to crow about. Their form this year has been disappointing, to say the least.

Their demise is all the more surprising as, with the exception of Max Tolson, they have the same side as for most of last season (Carrie having missed the greater part of 1973).

Croatia are going from bad to worse and relegation is no longer an idle threat for the team that promised

Yugal-Prague v. Pan Hellenic

Yugal-Prague can wear their tag of Sydney's only unbeaten team in the league with pride.

Their match against Hellenic at Marks Field deserves much of the round status jointly with the St. George-Safeway clash.

Yugal's magnificent start

in the championship should coax their supporters out of "retirement" and entice them to fill the stands on Sunday.

Pan Hellenic's support, despite a good string of recent results, has surprisingly, again dwindled after an Ampol Cup boom.

With former Yugal-Prague stalwarts Rudic, Tuimman and Ilc turning out trumps for Pan Hellenic, this will be quite a family affair.

Yugal stubbornly refuse to bite the dust; Pan Hellenic may have to settle for a draw.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

S. KERI (Canterbury)
D. HARDING (Pan Hellenic)
J. HODGSON (St. George)
M. TOLSON (Safeway)
T. BUTLER (APIA)
J. CACCIOLA (Sutherland)
P. OLLERTON (APIA)

TEAM OF THE WEEK

MAHER (Sutherland)
McMILLAN (Auburn)
RUDIC (Pan Hellenic)
SCHAFFER (St. George)
RICHARDS (Marconi)
BURNS (Marconi)
P. THOMPSON (Sutherland)
MCGROTTY (Safeway)
OLLERTON (APIA)
TAKAGI (Yugal-Prague)
BUTLER (APIA)

Auburn v. Western Suburbs

Wests, who lost their unbeaten record last week, undertake a perilous trip to Mona Park on Sunday.

Auburn, a hard-working, if unspectacular side, don't look all that inferior to a low-scoring Western Suburbs which still lacks flair in attack.

Wests badly need some creative, hard-shooting forwards to stay in the upper rungs of the ladder.

Since attack is not Auburn's forte either, I expect a hard-slogging game with the defences well in control and perhaps only the odd goal in either way at the finish.

I tip: Wests

Hakoah v. Canterbury

Hakoah's second championship win was not impressive.

But with five points on the board, the champions may start to breathe more freely again and the boost to their dented morale could improve their performance.

The Berries will be no push-over. They are blessed with superb goalscoring

Deferred match

MARCONI: 0

AUBURN: 1

Marconi: Murray 3, Degney 1, Robertson 4, Moshchen 4, Richards 3, Jones 3, Samuel 2, Mihajlovic 3, Brajkovic 3, Campbell 3, Griffiths 2 (Burns 68 min 4).

Auburn: Hoszowski 4, McMullan 4, Hughes 3, Malone 4, Leah 3, Hucker 4, Quested 3, Stewart 2, Walker 3, Keddie 3, Sidey 4.

Scorer: Sidey 63 min

Referee: H. Witschge

Crowd: 1,011.

— C.S.

CROWDS

Last week's attendance: 11,941 (13,094)

Average per match: 1,990 (2,182)

Attendance after 5 rounds: 61,655 (60,169).

Average weekly attendance: 12,332 (12,034).

• In brackets, last year's corresponding figures.

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	Hakoah	Marconi	St. George	Wests	APIA	Safeway	Yugal-Prague	Croatia	Pan Hellenic	Auburn	Sutherland	Canterbury
Hakoah	●											
Marconi		●										
St. George			●									
Wests				●								
APIA					●							
Safeway						●						
Yugal-Prague							●					
Croatia								●				
Pan Hellenic									●			
Auburn										●		
Sutherland											●	
Canterbury												●

TIPSTERS CORNER

CHAMPIONSHIP

MATCHES

	L. Gaudier	M. Renwick	K. Gilmour	C. Spiteri	F. Jordan	Most favored
Auburn v. Wests	2	2	2	x	2	2
Marconi v. Croatia	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hakoah v. Canterbury	1	1	1	x	1	1
Sutherland v. APIA	2	2	2	2	2	2
Yugal-Prague v. Pan Hellenic	x	x	2	1	1	1
St. George v. Safeway	x	x	1	1	1	1
Manly v. Melita	2	2	2	2	1	2
Inter v. Granville	2	1	2	2	2	2
Bankstown v. Marrickville	1	1	1	2	1	1
Balgownie v. Corinthians	1	1	1	1	1	1
Guildford v. Polonia	2	2	2	1	2	2
Melita v. Corinthians	1	1	1	1	1	1
Granville v. Polonia	1	1	1	1	1	1
Balgownie v. Rapid	1	1	1	1	1	1

How they tipped: L. Gautier 27, C. Spiteri 27, K. Gilmour 25, M. Renwick 24, F. Jordan 21.

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RESULTS & SCORERS

St. George

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP	
Fraser 4, Utješenovic 3, Williams 4, Grosse 4, Coton 3, Morgan 4, Herron 3, Abonyi 3, Warren 4, Hamilton 3, B Harris 3	
TOTAL: 38.	Coach: M. Johnson.

Match rating: * * *

Eaton 4, Perry 3, Turnbull 3, Radcliffe 4, Curran 4, Gray 4, Trebilcock 4, Iswadi 3, Lindsay 3, Bendall 3, Ainslie 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Scheffelius.

Petrovski 4, Trkulja 1 4, Trkulja II 3, Velkovski 3, Rootsey 4, McDonald 3, J. Alagich 4, Mihajlovic 3, Kuzmanov 3 (Boskovski 67 min.), Takac 4, Perry 3 (Simpson 55 min.).

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

Match rating: * * *

D. Smith 3, G. Smith 3, Nixon 3, Darvill 3 (Ivanovic 73 min.), Brady 3, Whalley 4, Turner 4, Doyle 3, Yaager 3, Vojtek 3 (D. Smith 75 min.).

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: R. Foster.

Murray 4, Degney 3, Robertson 4 (Samuel 74 min.), Jones 3, Richards 4, Burns 4, Brajkovic 3, Byrne 3, Pocock 3, Millen 2 (A. Griffiths, second half 3), Campbell 3

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * *

Maher 4, Branson 4, Bennett 4, P. Smith 4, Wykes 4, R. Griffiths 3, Thompson 3, Trail 3, Bourke 2, Cacciola 3, O'Connor 2

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Hesford 4, Tuckerman 4, Wilson 5, Gleeson 5, Thompson 4, Stonehouse 3, Fryer 3, McGroarty 4, Piggott 3, Tolson 3, Bingham 3.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Match rating: * * * *

Tunman 4, Izait 3, Rudic 3, Barboutis 4, Palmer 3, Stowell 3, Cullen 4, Harding 3, Manuel 3, Ile 4, Brankin 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Calogeras.

Williamson 3, Lawson 4, McMillan 4, Malone 4, Leek 4, Hucker 4, Quested 3, Keri 3, Spinks 2 (Stewart 80 min.), Keddie 4, Sidey 3

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Marston.

Match rating: * * *

Forrester 4, G. Brown 2, Whitehead 3, H. Xipolitas 3, Guidlea 4, Venables 3 (Angelopoulos 72 min.), Bialafas 3, Keri 3, Platta 3 (S. Jones 72 min.), P. Mullen 2, R. Brown 4

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Coe 3, Bibby 3, Mowbray 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Mackay 4, Fletcher 5, Muniz 5, Morrow 3, Porter 4, Rutherford 4

TOTAL: 43.

Coach: D. McLaren.

Match rating: * * * *

Kennedy 4, McGinn 4, Jenkins 3, Wallace 4, Smart 4, Russell 3, Blues 3, Rooney 4, Ollerton 3, Rogers 3, Butler 4

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Marconi

0 (0)

D. Smith 85 min.

Safeway

1 (1)

McGroarty 4 min.

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

Keddie 55 min., Stewart 80 min.

Auburn

2 (0)

Keddie 55 min., Stewart 80 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (2)

Fletcher 22 min., Muniz 42 min.

A.P.I.A.

1 (0)

Rogers 74 min.

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	8	—	2	29	4	16
Wests	6	—	1	23	8	12
APIA	5	1	3	12	6	11
Safeway	5	1	1	14	4	10
St. George	3	2	4	7	2	7
Croatia	3	2	3	9	10	7
Pan Hellenic	3	2	3	9	10	7
Marconi	3	1	5	11	15	5
Sutherland	2	1	4	8	13	5
Yugal-Prague	2	1	3	9	12	3
Canterbury	1	1	8	9	22	3
Auburn	1	1	7	1	12	1

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Safeway	7	—	16	6	13	
Marconi	5	1	15	5	12	
St. George	5	1	12	10	8	
Hakoah	4	2	9	8	10	
Croatia	4	1	4	14	11	
Wests	3	2	1	16	10	
Sutherland	2	4	1	12	11	
APIA	2	2	2	15	9	
Rapid	2	1	5	6	4	
Pan Hellenic	2	—	6	4	22	
Canterbury	1	1	8	4	21	

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	4	3	—	21	9	11
Malita Eagles	4	2	4	14	8	12
Manly	4	1	2	15	11	8
Balgownie	4	2	2	15	11	7
Guildford	2	3	2	15	16	7
Polonia	2	2	3	9	15	6
Corinthians	1	3	2	11	11	5
Rapid	1	3	2	15	7	4
Marcliffeville	1	2	3	11	12	3
Bankstown	2	2	4	9	13	4
Newtown	1	2	4	7	13	3
NS-Inter	1	5	4	14	14	1

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	5	1	1	19	8	11
Malita Eagles	5	1	2	14	8	10
Granville	4	1	2	10	6	9
Bankstown	3	2	1	10	6	7
Balgownie	3	1	2	14	11	7
Rapid	3	1	2	15	17	7
Guildford	2	2	3	20	17	6
Polonia	2	2	3	12	20	5
Corinthians	2	1	3	5	12	4
Malita	2	1	3	5	12	3
Marcliffeville	1	1	5	9	20	0

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	4	1	2	14	8	11
Balgownie	4	1	2	14	8	10
Bankstown	4	1	2	10	6	9
Granville	4	1	2	9	7	7
Polonia	2	2	3	13	6	6
Guildford	1	2	3	5	7	4
Corinthians	2	1	3	5	14	4
Malita	1	2	3	5	12	3
Marcliffeville	1	1	5	9	20	0

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kuring-gai	5	2	1	16	8	12
Arndliffe	4	3	—	22	11	
Rosebery	4	2	1	11	13	10
Warringah	4	1	2	16	8	9
N. District	3	2	1	12	10	7
W. Sydney	2	2	2	12	14	5
West Ryde	2	2	2	12	14	5
Campbelltown	2	2	2	12	14	5
Gadswell	1	2	4	13	19	4
Wentworth	1	2	3	6	15	3
W. Ryde	1	2	3	6	14	2
W. Ryde Uni.	2	2	2	7	8	4
Sydney Uni.	2	2	2	7	8	4
Mercuria	2	2	2	14	18	4
N. Bankstown	1	2	3	6	15	2
South Sydney	1	—	5	8	30	2

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cabramatta	4	—	1	14	4	8
Kingsford	4	—	2	11	5	7
Baulkham Hills	3	2	3	8	8	5
Ryde	3	1	2	21	17	7
Fairfield	3	—	1	14	5	6
North Ryde	3	—	2	13	11	6
Gladesville	2	—	4	16	18	4
Hurstville	1	2	4	10	16	4
Dee Why	1	—	4	10	16	2
Blacktown	1	—	4	5	15	2
Auburn	1	—	4	5	15	2
Conley Heights	1	—	2	1	4	1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

	FIRST DIVISION			SECOND DIVISION		
	(Second and Third Grades)			(All Grades)		
St. George v. Wests	2-4	—	1-0	1-2	—	1-0
Yugal-Prague v. Croatia	0-0	—	1-0	1-0	—	1-0
Marconi v. Sutherland	0-1	—	1-1	1-1	—	1-1
Hakoah v. APIA	1-0	—	1-0	1-0	—	1-0
Safeway v. Pan Hellenic	1-0	—	2-1	1-0	—	2-1
Rapid v. Malita	1-1	—	1-0	1-0	—	1-0
Blacktown v. C'thorn	3-1	1-0	1-0	3-1	1-0	1-0
St. George v. Hurstville	3-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-0
Manly v. Hurstville	3-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-0
NS-Inter v. Balgownie	0-4	4-2	1-1	0-4	2-0	3-3
Newtown v. Polonia	2-2	0-2	3-3	2-2	0-2	3-3



Joe Fletcher (in the lighter strip), the star of Hakoah's win against APIA last Sunday, in action in the Leichardt goalmouth

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

BALGOWNIE AND MANLY TOP THE BILL THIS WEEK

By CHARLES SPITERI —

Granville bounced back as clear leaders with a convincing victory over neighboring Guildford as Melita struggled to force a draw against Rapid Riverside.

Balgownie and Manly, the other two teams in the "top four," also won well their respective matches as the big guns of the competition bunch up in the top rungs of the table.

Our match reports:

Manly v. Marrickville 2-1

Manly were in command for most of the first half and deserved to lead 1-0 at the break with a superb goal by Ken Mallam, who dribbled past three defenders before slamming a well-placed shot into the net.

However, what Marrickville lacked in skill, they made up through determination and 10 minutes into the second half equalised through a penalty by Billy Henshaw.

But they were back in deficit 10 minutes later when a well-executed corner by Archie Blue was brilliantly headed into the net by fullback Steve Dunwell.

Manly: Woods, Myron, Dunwell (1), Stocks, Hutchinson, Johnston, Mallam (1), Stonehouse, Blue, Gosling, Crawford (Jackson).

Marrickville: McDonald, Hardy, Brettle, Pondeka, Reilly, Henlon, Mackin, McCulloch, McGill, Henshaw (1), Goulu.

Rapid v. Melita Eagles 1-1

An over-confident Melita Eagles nearly fell in a trap as Rapid Riverside took over control of the game in the first half to outplay them in every department.

Alan Hillhouse, the former St. George player, cracked a goal in the 34th minute to give Rapid a 1-0 lead at halftime.

The Eagles lifted their game after the break but their eagerness to score was foiled time and again by a well marshalled Rapid defence. However, in the 68th minute, Joe Farrugia broke his shackles to ham-

mer home a brilliant equaliser.

Rapid: Iro, Threlfo, Okon, Williams, Schmidt, Vihort (Prophet), Jenkins, Fippldauer, Bjork, Hillhouse (1), Jones.

Melita: McKechnie, Knaus, Cook, Van Blerk, Benzenuela, D. McAuland, Huntley (Borg), McKinnon, Farrugia (1), C. McAuland, Vrolik.

Bankstown v. Corinthians 3-1

A tough second half yielded all four goals.

The "Towns" held an edge on their opponents for most of the game with Corinthians struggling to produce the form they showed early in the season.

Bankstown: Freeman, Hughes, Fitzgerald, Madden, Penman, Farrell (1), Sheldrick, Reynolds (Sun), Smith, Bourke, Paterson (2), Hoare (Bamforth).

Corinthians: Richardson, McCulloch, Draddy, Jagger, Harman, Hendry, Denham, Cooling (Correll), Evans (Matthews), Mack (1), Pappas.

Guildford v. Granville 3-6

A hat-trick by former Dartford United centre-forward Stan Marshall enabled Granville to beat Guildford in a tremendously exciting game at Guildford Park.

Fit as a fiddle, Marshall took his chances well, but the hero of the match was the brilliant ball-playing Billy Fraser, who played wide on the flank, constantly feeding brilliant passes down the middle which produced several goals.

With Granville leading 3-1 at halftime, the "never say-die" Wanderers came back with a bang in the second half to score two goals within seven minutes to equal the score.

However, a rather harsh penalty, which gave Granville the lead again seemed

to have upset Guildford. Yet, penalty or not, the Wanderers lost to the better team as on the day the Magpies left no doubt that they can produce some exciting football which brings goals and wins them matches.

Granville: Watson, Selfridge, Omaye, Gardiner, Mellish, Waters (1), Spialtawicz (1), Gilmour (1), Hann, Marshall (3), Fraser (1), Guildford: Wilson, Parle (1), Lowe, Brewin, Schofield, Dobbin, Hayde, Coleman (Fraser), Robinson (1), Stephenson (2), Williams (1), Kelley (1).

NS-Inter v. Balgownie 0-4

Making their debut for Balgownie were Gus Lady, a leading scorer in the Hong Kong competition who was in their rep. team against Uruguay recently, and Steve Langford, an Englishman, both of whom arrived here last week.

Inter held out in a rough and scrappy first half despite an unfortunate incident in which goalkeeper Fred Wupper had three fingers broken in his left hand, early in the first half. Wupper finished the game, but by that time Balgownie went through four times as they took command of the game to finish right on top at the end.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Impelzer, Maxwell, Foster, Riberia, Mulberry, Spresian, Thompson, Monteleone, Massi, Sommers (1). Balgownie: Edwards, Davies, Piec, Lansford, Hurley (1), Shanks (1), Lavin, Cannon, Royall (Ronald (1), Eady (1), Freeme (1).

Newtown v. Polonia 2-2

Leading 2-0 with only 10 minutes to go, Newtown lapsed into errors, allowing Polonia to hit back with two quick goals to snatch a draw.

John Mountaine scored in the first half with a header off a corner by John Demos. In full control of the game, Newtown went further ahead when Eddie Howard rounded off three defenders before crossing the ball to Peter Clarke who made no mistake.

However, they relaxed in the closing minutes, allowing Polonia to come back into the game with a penalty from Bill Zounds and a gran-goal by Polowksi with only three minutes to spare.

Newtown: Magis, Koukis, Irmentzotis, Arniola, Beaghas, Nezerites, Page (Bell), Mountaine (1), McIstal, Clarke (1), Howard, Demos.

Polonia: Mikolajczuk, Round, Zounds (1), Urbas, Blaszczak (Wibis), Gzelak, Kujas, Halilson (Polowksi (1), Mital, Minoli, Prokurat.

THIS WEEK

The clash between Balgownie and Manly tops the bill at the weekend as this could well develop in one of the closest matches of the season.

Manly have a good record at Balgownie Oval, but the Magpies have stacked their team with plenty of talent and should win.

Other interesting matches are the clashes between Melita and Newtown at Mona Park and Granville v. Rapid at Garside, with the home teams starting favorites.

DIVISION II LEADING SCORERS

J. FARRUGIA (Melita Eagles)	7
W. RONALD (Balgownie)	6
E. PATERSON (Bankstown)	5
E. WILLIAMS (Guildford)	4
G. ROBINSON (Guildford)	4
L. WATERS (Granville)	4

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Despite growing status soccer must try harder

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Until the advent of Federation football in 1957 soccer in NSW had to carry the title of "Cinderella" on every occasion that the kicking and the handling codes were compared.

Of course, Cindy wasn't Morning Herald's) soccer stood sixth in Australia in whose limp and longing figure in general interest amongst all sports and seventh in participation rate.

This was an adult poll and as soccer is stronger across the board in the younger generation then surveys which included youngsters could reveal an even better picture.

One of the points pulling us back was Queensland's low rate of soccer interest.

It is one of the States most interested in National League, and possibly some such move could trigger off a much better public response to the code.

The game must move its weaker areas into the mainstream of progress in order to succeed.

Rugby League for example, is handicapped for all time by its lack of southern states participation.

NSW has now reached the stage where, in a sample quizzed on sporting likings, the ratio of interested persons in rugby and soccer has been narrowed to 3.2.

To get top soccer interest to flow through to a greater percentage of the public in general is, of course, of critical importance.

When Rugby League president Kevin Humphries came to power in April 1973 — and leaving aside pro-in-the-sky Super League — he plumped for home-and-away suburban matches and improved local ground facilities as well as a TV competition.

With their first grade clubs already active in Manly, Parramatta, Penrith and Cronulla, limitation to crowd improvements was likely, but any code operating within a city of Sydney's size will have to spread its top class play into various areas.

In similar fashion we in soccer need to draw from big areas such as Manly-Warringah just as we have gained from the operations of First Division clubs at Fairfield and Sutherland.

As to their TV competition, although it is just at the spindly-legged stage and may never compare with "The Big Match", it can bond the RL public with the code.

If you realise that the Melbourne Rules grand final drew \$140,000 last year the distance that we still have to go is measurable.

On recent popularity exercises (a poll in the "Sydney

of clubs, and the country stood sixth in Australia in whose limp and longing figure in general interest amongst all sports and seventh in participation rate.

In the country the Rothmans' Cup could be the vehicle for more improvement, but it is of no avail to slavishly follow the English pattern.

Country clubs have a limited stature, and only on a divisional basis can they reach the required level to ensure regular public following.

In 1975 country divisions could be admitted into the Cup on a Divisional basis. Far South Coast, Riverina, ACT, West, North West, North Coast, Central Coast and so on.

If this is not brought within the ambit of the Rothmans' then some other worthwhile sponsorship should be sought to field an Inter-Divisional championship confined to the country alone.

AMATEURS

History indicates that the Amateur Federation is better constructed to handle junior representative football, so it is high time that the NSW Federation became a state and not just a Sydney body and sought out a sponsor to move the country ahead.

There is nothing like incentive to ensure progress, and there are countless centres where the RL divisional championships will not be played on certain days that can be exploited to get the great soccer code moving along.

In winning spectators the open secret is that the stand-

LEADING GOALSCORERS

D. HARDING (Pan Hellenic)	8
S. KERI (Canterbury)	7
P. CILERTON (APIA)	7
J. FLETCHER (Hakoah)	6
J. KEDDIE (Auburn)	6
J. ALAGICH (Yugo-Prague)	5
J. CACCOLA (Sutherland)	5
J. HERRON (St. George)	5
M. TOLSON (Safeway)	5

CROWDS

Last week's attendance:

11,136 (12,315).

Average per match:

1,856 (2,052).

Attendance after 9

rounds: 112,002 (107,158).

Average weekly attend-

ance: 12,444 (11,908).

• In brackets, last year's

corresponding figures.

We in Sydney soccer need

to think about a greater spread

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Fixtures for the fifth State League round scheduled for this weekend are as follows:

- Saturday — George Cross v. Austral, Alexander v. Slavia
- Sunday — Polonia v. Juventus, JUST v. SMH, Wilhelmina v. Melbourne, Hakoah v. Mooroolbark

First Division fixtures for this weekend are:

- Saturday — St Albans v. Frankston City, Yallourn v. Essendon Lions, Sunshine City v. Altona Rovers, Preston v. Green Gully, Altona City v. Kelso City
- Sunday — Box Hill v. Western Suburbs

Sandy Irvine, who has been bogged down with injury for the past three years since he lost his place in the Australian team in fact, is again out of action. This time the Aberdonian is suffering from cracked ribs.

Sy Steele, who has given a decade of service to Wilhelmina, has been out of action recently after having seven stitches in a head wound he sustained in a recent match.

Six of the Under-16 Victorian side which won the national championships in 1972 are now firmly installed as first team regulars with State League clubs. They are, Mando Rostovski (JUST), Ian Humble (Slavia), Arthur Xantopoulos (South Melbourne Hellas), Gary Cole (Wilhelmina) and the Juventus pair of Claude Lucchesi and Bruno Sabidussi.

Francis Mifsud, the former Hibernians (Malta) defender who has played for his country and who has been sitting on the sidelines in Melbourne for over a year awaiting a clearance, recently got his wish and has signed for George Cross.

Ulysses Kokkinos, the former South Melbourne Hellas striker who joined Alexander last year after a spell back in Greece, is in dispute with the club over money matters and unconfirmed reports say he may return to Hellas or join APIA in Sydney.

David Prentice, the former St. Mirren forward who broke his leg in his first game in the middle of last season for Melbourne, is back in action and big things are expected from this striker.

— JIM COOK

SYDNEY THIRD DIVISION

Ku-ring-gai opened up a three-point lead at the head of the Third Division table and Warringah and Norths improved their positions last weekend, although four of the eight fixtures on the roster were not played due to weather-affected grounds.

Ku-ring-gai reshuffled their side in a bid to lift their performance. They scored four goals without reply against West Ryde.

In the goals were Phil Lynch, Robin Mills and Graham Farrell, plus an "own" goal as a bonus.

The changes brought Keith Birdsall in at stopper, Bob Turner at left-back, and Robin Mills moved up to the midfield. Jim Morgan made a welcome return to the first team.

Warringah — 5-0 winners ultimately lost to 15 minutes of West Sutherland pressure, and were rewarded in the 20th minute when John Bowen a rebound from a Jim Hughes shot into the net.

Kevin Davidson came next with a goal following a one-two with Jim Ridding.

Bowen netted a penalty after a foul on Gerry Bow-

man, and then Riddings goaled from 18 metres.

Bobby Cveticanin beat three and crossed to help Bowen to his hat-trick.

Wentys managed to upset Campbelltown City at home on Jones Park for a 3-2 win.

Campbelltown's keeper kept the score down in the first half when Wentys dominated every phase of the game bar goalkeeping. Maskill and Lewis then scored for Campbelltown, and when Wentys missed a penalty they ended 3-2 winners.

In the other match Arncliffe Scots suffered an unexpected 2-0 loss to Northern Districts, who now have four wins, a draw and a loss from only six outings.

Last week's results:

Warringah v. W. Ryde 5-0 1-2 0

N. Dist. v. Arncliffe 2-0 —

W. Ryde v. Ku-ring-gai 0-4 1-3 0-1

Wentys v. Campbelltown 3-2 0-5 9-2

WORLD CUP DIARY

• Chile's preparations suffered a severe jolt when they lost 1-0 to Northern Ireland in Santiago.

• A total of 78 different souvenir items will be on sale during the World Cup. The most popular so far has been the Cup emblem figures. Tip and Tap. More than \$1,300,000 worth of souvenirs have been sold so far.

• Sir Alf Ramsey is likely to write a daily column during the World Cup — for a West German newspaper.

• Uruguay scored a great impressive 4-0 victory over crack Argentinian club, Independiente, in Montevideo.

• In a tune-up match before the World Cup, Swiss Second Division team Luzern beat Zaire 4-1 in Luzern.

N.S.W. FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wests	9	6	2	1	15	4	14	3	1	1	8	3	7	3	1	2	2	7	7
Safeway	10	5	3	2	17	11	13	4	1	10	4	9	1	2	2	7	7	4	
Hakoah	9	5	2	2	20	11	12	6	2	2	1	12	6	6	3	—	1	8	5
Pan Hellenic	9	5	2	2	20	11	12	6	3	—	1	13	6	6	2	2	1	7	5
St. George	10	4	1	5	17	14	9	11	3	—	1	10	3	6	1	1	4	7	3
Yugoslavia	9	2	5	2	15	12	9	9	2	1	1	8	4	5	—	4	1	7	4
APIA	8	3	3	2	14	13	9	7	2	3	—	10	8	7	1	—	2	4	5
Marconi	10	1	6	3	7	10	8	12	3	2	1	11	10	5	1	3	1	6	5
Croatia	10	2	3	5	15	9	7	13	2	1	1	6	5	5	1	2	3	9	2
Auburn	10	3	1	6	13	18	7	13	2	1	1	6	5	5	1	1	2	3	6
Sutherland	9	2	3	4	11	18	7	11	1	2	2	8	12	4	1	1	2	3	6
Canterbury	11	2	3	6	13	36	7	15	2	2	2	6	9	6	1	4	7	27	1

M: stands for "minus," or the points dropped. We found it necessary to add this to our table because of the uneven number of matches by the teams which would otherwise give a distorted picture of the table.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Polonia v. Marrickville — Soccer Centre
Rapid v. Bankstown — Marrickville Oval
Granville v. NS-Inter — Garndie Park
Balgownie v. Corinthians — Balgownie Oval

SUNDAY, MAY 26

NSW v. ABERDEEN (Scotland) — Sydney Sportsground

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Yugoslavia v. Sutherland — Marks Field
Rapid v. Marrickville — Marrickville Oval

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Auburn v. Hakoah — Mona Park
Marconi v. APIA — Marconi Oval
Polonia v. Melita Eagles — Soccer Centre
Newtown v. Granville — Epsom Oval
Guliford v. Balgownie — Guliford Oval
Manly v. Bankstown — Inman Park
NS-Inter v. Corinthians — North Sydney Oval



ABERDEEN PLAYERS' MATCH APPEARANCES

Aberdeen used 24 men for first-team matches in 1973-74, including two ever-presents. The club's attendance record was:

Clark 54, W. Young 54, Hermiston 53, Jarvis 52, Graham 50, Thomson 49, Willie Miller 47, Joe Smith 38, Robb 29, Taylor 28, Hair 27, McLellan 16, Willoughby 14, Bertie Miller 13, Purdie 13, Williamson 12, Boel 10, Pirie 9, Henry 8, Craig 6, Jimmy Miller 5, McCall 4, Mitchell 2, Street 1.

Aberdeen's inability to get among the goals is reflected in the fact that Dave Robb, who missed almost half the games, finished as second top scorer with 13 goals.

Drew Jarvis was out on his own with 27, and Arthur Graham came third with eight. Ian Taylor had five and Bertie Miller and Jim Hermiston had four each, with the skipper getting all his from penalty kicks.

Own goals by Anderson (Hearts), Addison and Narey (Dundee United) and McDougall (Rangers) accounted for four more, and the total was completed by:

Young, Joe Smith and McCall two each; Hair, Willie Miller, Purdie, Thomson, McLellan and Williamson one each — making a very low total of 77 goals in 34 games.

In Adelaide last week South Australia held Aberdeen to a 2-2 draw.

The new 30,000-capacity Ferencvaros stadium was officially opened last Sunday in Budapest in a match against Vasas. More than 250,000 people applied for tickets.

Antal Szenthelyi, veteran Hungarian international goalkeeper, one of the tragic anti-heroes of the 1966 World Cup, will retire at the end of the current season, at the age of 35. He won six Hungarian championship medals with Ujpest over the years.

Bobby Charlton, whose team Preston North-End were relegated to the Third Division, plans to make a comeback as a player for his team next season, at 36.

Bayern Munchen won the West German league championship for the third time running.

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Sir Alf Ramsey has knocked back an offer to coach Ajax Amsterdam, who were prepared to pay him \$40,000 for one season in Holland.

● Inter Milan have offered Lazio \$800,000 for their ace midfielder De Cecco, whom they want to play next to Mazzola.

● A record Moroccan soccer crowd of 45,000 in Casablanca last week watched Johan Cruyff's Barcelona beat local side, WAC, 3-1, in a charity match for the families of victims of a mining disaster.

● CSKA Sofia's Bulgarian international Yankov has been suspended for six matches by the UEFA for "misbehaving" in the recent European Cup match against Bayern Munchen.

● Sarajevo's Yugoslav international centre-forward, Musevic, will play in France next season — for Nantes.

● One spectator died of heart attack in the grandstand during a riotous Yugoslav match between Hajduk Split and Red Star Belgrade three weeks ago. The match was one of the most violent in Yugoslavia for years, with fights amongst spectators, players and even officials. Two players were sent off and both clubs levelled charges of incompetence and corruption at the referee.

● Nothing changes in Belgium: Anderlecht have again won the championship — their 16th title since 1950.

● With the competition almost drawing to an end Sporting Lisbon's Argentinian striker Yarza has an unassailable lead in the Adidas "Golden Boot" award for Europe's leading goalscorer. With 43 goals, he is 13 ahead of Krnki (Rapid Vienna) and Gerd Muller.

● Roman club Lazio has won the Italian "scudetto." Runners-up in the 1973-74 championship were Juventus

● Australia's two World Cup referees against South Korea last year were in charge of the European Cup finals. Vial Lorax referred the Champions' Cup final and Arie van Gemert the Cup-Winners' Cup final.

● Ferenc Puskas, whose contract won't be renewed by the Greek Panathinaikos, is also being tipped as the new coach of Standard Liege (Belgium).

● After five years with Moenchengladbach, West German international Sieloff has announced his retirement from the Bundesliga scene. Next season he will play regional soccer with Alemannia Aachen.

● Following many serious crowd incidents at the Olympic Stadium in Rome, the Italian Olympic Committee has allocated \$100,000 to strengthen security arrangements at the ground.

● A minute's silence was observed at all Italian matches earlier this month to mark the 25th anniversary of the Superga air crash which on May 4, 1949, decimated the Torino team.

● Vancouver Whitecaps, the Canadian side in the North American Professional League who played San Jose Earthquakes in their first game of the season on Sunday, May 5, attracted a crowd of 17,343 to their game in Vancouver . . . and it was raining almost the entire game. A crowd every Australian team will envy . . .

● It's never too early . . . Peru, would you believe, last week advised FIFA to stage the 1994 World Cup finals!

● Italy's best-known and most controversial referee, Concetto Lo Bello, has finally retired — officially. This time he swears he won't do a "Melba" and won't be coaxed out of "retirement" like in recent years when he announced on four occasions he was putting his whistle in the mothballs, only to renege a matter of weeks later.

● Results of some recent internationals involving World Cup finalists: Brazil 2, Paraguay 0, Chile 1, Eire 2, West Germany 1, Sociedad (Sweden) 1, Argentina 0, Granada (Spain) 0

● Scotland beat England 2-0 at Hampden Park, Glasgow, to win the British Championship.

● Sao Paulo FC last week beat Uruguay 1-0 in Montevideo. The Brazilians missed a penalty and dominated from start to finish.

● The title of the world's most travelled football coach — and also the oldest — goes to Bela Guttmann who, at the age of 73 became technical director of FK Austria in Vienna. Guttmann can speak five languages, Bulgarian, German, Spanish, Italian and English, and has worked in ten different countries as a coach. He began with the New York Giants in 1936. He followed with Enschede, Holland 1937, Ujpest Dozsa, Hungary 1938, Dinamo Bucharest, Romania 1945, Ujpest Dozsa 1946, Vasas Budapest 1947, Kispest Budapest 1948, Padova, Italy 1950, Triestina 1951, AC Milan 1952, Lanrossi Vicenza 1954. Then he moved to South America to Sao Paulo, Brazil 1956, Porto Portugal 1958, Benfica, Portugal 1959, Penarol, Uruguay 1962, Benfica 1964, Servette, Switzerland 1966, and Panathinaikos, Greece 1967.

● Hans Kraay has been appointed the new Ajax manager. The 37-year-old Kraay played nine times for Holland and last worked with the other first division club, Go Ahead.

Bayern Munchen v. Atletico Madrid 4-0

EUROPEAN CUP TO BAVARIANS

Bayern Munchen confirmed their rating as Europe's best club team with a thumping 4-0 win in the final of the European Champions' Cup in Brussels last Friday.

Atletico Madrid, to everyone's surprise, had held the Germans to a 1-1 draw 48 hours earlier in an exciting match.

But the replay was strictly a no-contest with the Bavarians quickly imposing their will on the Spaniards with two goals apiece from Gerd Muller and Heynekes

NSW v. BRISTOL ROVERS 0-3

How useful was this exercise?

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The attempt to stage a match against English visitors Bristol Rovers against a backdrop of the World Cup team's departure, the understandable avoidance of injury outlook by touring players and an ill-prepared NSW side resulted in a paltry attendance of 4,481 at the Sportsground on Wednesday of last week.

The Rovers won 3-0 after a second-half canter on a warm night punctuated with showers, after a first half that provided some fine soccer.

For those who didn't see the match let there be no doubt that Bristol proved they were worthy Third Division champions and should prove an acquisition in the English Second Division.

At full bore they would certainly give a fright to the best we could field.

Although Alan Warboys carried a leg injury he demonstrated enough drive to show out as a central striker of distinction.

Bruce Bannister, a quicksilver goal poacher, wasn't the only pebble on the beach when it came to penalty fast raids.

Ken Stephens angled in a flashing drive in the second half, with Jim Fraser committed elsewhere and State captain Johnny Watkiss trying a last ditch slide.

HANDY MATERIAL

In truth there was plenty of Bristol material that Rule Basic would have found handy for Hamburg and West Berlin had they been locals.

Bannister, Warboys, Stephens, and the ex-Sheffield Wednesday ball artist Colin Dobson aside, Jim Fadie in goal — an ex-Cardiff City Scot — was a top class performer.

Eadie was diving left in the 18th minute when Bob McGinn's apparent winner struck his feet and was somehow flicked up over his bar. Intended or not, the save bordered on the miraculous.

In the 49th minute Eadie came from nowhere to block a rising drive from Terry Butler that looked a cakewalk all the way.

The rest of the defence, with an aggressive Stuart Taylor as stopper, was big, solid, and uncompromising, in style and outlook reminiscent of Glyn Pardoe and the big 1970 Manchester City defenders.

Despite the dropping of an early goal, NSW were convincing in the first half.

Alston was close to his very top form; he and Ernie Campbell carved consistently into the Rovers' defence.

No-one, however, was more active than APIA's 23-year-old Bob McGinn, who continually put Bristol under pressure with intelligent running and crosses.

Allan Maher, after conceding the early goal, did himself proud through the rest of the first half and valiantly smothered a superb left-footer from Dobson.

Unfortunately it took some time for Ivo Rudic to settle. Billy Rogers came in spurs, and Terry Butler was dwarfed by the English defenders.

After halftime the sparkling NSW play dropped back quite a few pegs, and the teamwork deteriorated.

WILLIAMS EXCELLENT

Harry Williams had an excellent match apart from one blennish, using his instinctive skill and vigor non-stop.

A word for Alan Ainslie. Although he didn't hit the heights, he was another willing worker who contributed more than his share to the proceedings.

Where Alston and Campbell vanished to remains a mystery.

Bristol used the time to slip the ball round and give three replacements, including skilful Gordon Farnley, the chance to show their not inconsiderable flair.

Playing for 50% of the gate of some \$5,000 couldn't have given them too much joy.

NSW: Maher (Fraser 46 min.), McGinn, Rudic, Watkiss, Williams, Ainslie, Campbell, Harding, Rogers, Bennett 60 min.), Alston, Butler.

Bristol Rovers: Eadie, Jacobs, Parsons, Aitken, Taylor, Prince, Stephens (Staniforth 60 min.), Stanton, Warboys (Farnley 79 min.), Bannister, Dobson (Rudge 70 min.)

Scorers: Bannister 4 min., Stephens 53 min., Watkiss (own goal), 78 min.

Referee: T. Davies

Crowd: 4,481

● Bristol Rovers beat a Combined Coalfields XI 9-1 at Weston Sportsground, Newcastle, last Thursday evening, but in Melbourne last Sunday they were beaten 2-1 by Victoria. Former Socceroo Jim Armstrong scored the winning goal.

BONTHRONE'S TRAVELS

It's less than five years since Jimmy Bonthrone joined Aberdeen as coach under Eddie Turnbull, but he has certainly seen a bit of the world since. His journey's look like a Cook's tour.

When Bobby Brown was team manager he had Bonthrone as one of his team coaches, and that involved games in various parts of Europe.

In his capacity as club coach and then as manager, Jimmy has also seen a bit of the world.

Already he has visited America, Bermuda, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Russia and Spain.

The current tour is taking in Iran, Australia, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

BALGOWNIE TIPPED TO WIN TWILIGHT GAME

By CHARLES SPITERI —

Wet weather once again forced postponement of half of the six-match program and with the season approaching half-way the competition is in complete shambles.

Every team has at least two matches postponed, some twice that amount, which makes hard work in forward planning both for the top and bottom teams.

In the three matches played last Sunday, Granville and Melita edged further ahead, both winning their games while Balgownie and Manly drew.

Main features of matches played were:

Balgownie v.

Manly 1-1

A crowd of more than 1,500 turned out to watch an exciting and entertaining clash which produced some good football from both sides.



DANNY MCKINNON

With their wealth of new talent, Balgownie looked most impressive in the first half an hour with precision passing and excellent lead-up work.

They scored in the 17th minute — a picture goal.

professionally taken by Don Shanks from a hip-high cross by Gus Fady on the right flank.

Undaunted by the one goal deficit, Manly hit back after the resumption with some very good attacking movements and were unlucky not to equalise when a shot by Johnstone hit the corner where the post meets the crossbar and bounced back into play.

However, the equaliser came in the 68th minute when newcomer Vince Jackson slammed home from close range a well-taken freekick floated over the heads by Archer Blue.

Balgownie: Edwards, Davies, Piec, Tunney, Hurley, Langford, Fady, Shanks (1), Ronald (Royall), Levan, Freeme.

Manly: Woods, Myron, Dunwell (Russell), Stonehouse (Stedman), Hutchinson, Stocks, Johnstone, Jackson (1), Gosling, Blue, Mallam.

Melita Eagles v. Newtown 2-0

Melita Eagles had to wait until halfway through the second half before they could penetrate the Newtown defence.

Newtown held their own in the first half and with a little luck could have taken the lead, they missed an open goal when Peter Clarke put John Demos through but the latter shot wide.

The Eagles, however, got on top after the interval with frequent dangerous attacks.

In the 70th minute, the ice was broken when a cross

professionally taken by Andrew Huntley on the wing found Colin McAusland in position. He hammered the ball into the net first time.

Ten minutes later, centre-forward Joe Farrugia pierced the defence, but when about to shoot he was brought down heavily in the penalty area.

He made no mistake from the resulting pen, is sick.

Melita: McKechnie, Kraus, Cook, Van Bleek, Balenzuela, McKinnon, Huntley, D. McAusland, Farrugia (1), C. McAusland (1), Sciberras.

Newtown: Maglis, Kouris, Trimentzouris, Aniola, Kehagias, Nericies, Page, Moustakis (Thomas), Clarke (Melita), Howard, Demos.

Granville v. Rapid 1-0

Both teams finished with 10 men as Billy Fraser received his marching orders 20 minutes from the end and Alan Hillhouse followed him to the dressing rooms five minutes later.

The first half saw some very good lead-up work from Laurie Waters and Henry Sofrige, but Granville's finishing was poor.

However, in the 30th minute Stan Marshall leapt high to connect with a perfect pass by Stewart Gilmore to head home what was to be the deciding goal.

The Magpies kept the pressure on, but Rapid came back each time with some very good balls and went close to getting the equaliser on a few occasions.

Granville: Watson, Selfridge, O'May, Mellish,



Laurie Waters

Gardner, Waters, Smith (Allan), Culmone, Hann, Marshall (1), Fraser.

THIS WEEK

Only four matches will be played on Saturday and none on Sunday because of the NSW-Aberdeen match at the Sportsground.

Best game of the week should be at Woomona Oval where Balgownie will play Corinthians in a twilight game.

Competition leaders Granville should have an easy win over bottom-of-the-table Inter, but the clashes between Polonia and Marrickville and Rapid and Banks Town will probably produce close results with the home teams favored slightly.

KIWIS' GOOD RECORD

New Zealand's under-16 team scored 12 goals and conceded none in the NSW section of their Australian tour, yet once again Victoria's juniors triumphed with a resounding 3-0 victory over the visitors.

Dubbo's match drew a 1,200 crowd, and Nowra also did the visitors proud with a 1,750 attendance.

Best of the visitors was midfield player Richard Malligan with Nicky Reed their brilliant central striker, looking another worthwhile prospect.

The NSW Amateur under-16 team was a very creditable unit, and that is the standard of our under-16 amateur team; it is high time that we found the way to encourage more of them to enter senior ranks.

Only in Canberra were there a few rough edges on the entertainment, and by and large the visitors fully appreciated the great welcome they received in both city and country alike.

— K. G.

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION

Balgownie v. Concordia 10-1
Blacktown v. Grace Park 3-4 0-1
Bondi v. Yagoona 2-0 2-0
Arcliffe v. Nepean 4-3 2-3
Chelsea v. W. St. George 6-0 3-1
Greenwich v. Toongabbie 0-3 1-0

SECOND DIVISION

Macquarie U.v. Lethbridge 5-4 1-3
Lane Cove v. Banks 4-1 4-3
Maroubra v. Paddington 5-5 3-4
Holroyd v. South Sydney 2-1 8-1

THIRD DIVISION

Auburn v. Dee Why 2-1 3-1
Caravals v. Hurstville 3-1 3-0
N. Ryde v. Blacktown 2-0 0-0
Earwood v. Baulkham H 2-5 1-3
Ryde v. Canley Heights 2-2 5-1

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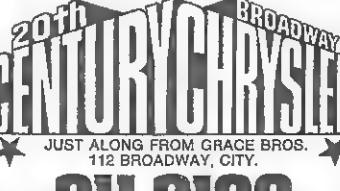
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RESULTS & SCORERS

A.P.I.A.

4 (1)

McGhee 35 min., Ollerton 46 and 49 mins., Pollard 86 min.

Croatia

0 (0)

St. George

3 (1)

T. Smith 12 and 85 mins., N. Morgan 47 min.

Marconi

2 (0)

Milne 55 and 89 mins.

Pan Hellenic

1 (0)

Harding 54 min.

Sutherland

0 (0)

Safeway

3 (2)

Alston 36 min., McGroarty 42 min., Wilson 70 min.

Hakoah

3 (1)

Mowbray 15 min., Morrow 48 min., Dolan 50 min.

Yugal-Prague

0 (0)

Auburn

1 (1)

Deller 2 min.

Wests

2 (1)

Ainslie 44 min., Trebilcock 74 min.

Canterbury

2 (1)

Bibby 2 min., Armitage 63 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Kennedy 4, Smart 4, Jenkins 2, Wallace 4 (Clarke 82 min.), McGhee 5, Russell 4, Blues 4, Rooney 4, Ollerton 5, Rogers 2 (Pollard 82 min.), Butler 5.

TOTAL: 43.

Coach: F. Bottalico.

Match rating: * * * *

Corry 3, G. Smith 3, Nixon 3, Darvill 3, Brady 5, Whalley 3, Turner 3, Doyle 3, Yaager 2 (Sullivan 46 min. 3), D. Smith (Wignall 34 min. 3), Duma 3.

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: R. Foster.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: M. Johnson.

Match rating: * * * *

Fraser 3, G. Harris 3, Williams 4, Schaefer 4, Coton 3, Ulješenovic 4, McDonald 3 (B. Harris 70 min.), Grosse 4, T. Smith 4, Morgan 3, Stoddart 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: J. Calogeras.

Match rating: * *

Tunman 3, Izatt 4, Rudic 3, Bel 4, Palmer 3, Stowell 3, Ile 2 (Cullerton), Harding 3, Manuel 3, Carrizo 3, Brankin 3.

TOTAL: 32.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: P. Wilson.

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: D. MacLaren.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: P. Wilson.

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: D. MacLaren.

Bracklow 4, Harcombe 4, Boskovski 4, McDonald 4, Rootsey 4, Selvage 3, Mihailovic 3, Simpson 2 (Sordarevic 39 min.), Velkovski 2, Takac 3, Perry 3 (Trkulja 82 min.).

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: G. Wayne.

Hoszowski 4, Lawson 4, Hughes 4, Malone 4, Hucker 4, McMillan 3, Sidey 3 (Quested 82 min.), Lenk 3, Deller 3, Walker 3, Stewart 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Marston.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Scheinfled.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Scheinfled.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

A bright, lively match in which A.P.I.A. never stopped looking menacing or finishing off with tremendous flair, and Croatia never ceased trying. From the kick-off A.P.I.A. appeared superior, but the opposition brought 10 men back in defence for corners and whenever things were grim, John McGhee, playing the best he has ever done at stopper, brought off a great back-header for A.P.I.A.'s first goal. Jimmy Rooney, without being fully at his top, was good enough to have a hand in the next three goals. He sent to Butler in the 46th minute, and Butler split the defence to help Peter Ollerton to his first goal. Ollerton's next was a Pele-Puskas special. He literally bent the ball in the air with his right, leaving Corry way in the distance. Finally Rooney's cross towards the end saw Steve Pollard crash in a magnificent diving header.

Crowd: 2,593. Referee: T. Davies.
— KEITH GILMOUR

Mike Johnson may well have found the answer to the Saints' lack of striking power since Alston's departure in the tall Terry Smith, who scored a goal in each half to spearhead the 3-2 win over Marconi. Smith settled in immediately with his new team and his goals were taken professionally. All round it was an improved performance by St. George, who were without Warren and Abonyi. The experiment of using Ulješenovic midfield was a marked success, and both he and Grosse, a most talented young player, laid the foundation of a good St. George display. Marconi were slow to begin and seemed well beaten after Morgan goaled early in the second half. They fought back spiritedly in a match that was surprisingly exciting in view of the World Cup lay-off.

Crowd: 1,510. Referee: B. Wilkinson.
— RAY WILLIAMS

The enforced break in the Sydney competition was shown up in Pan Hellenic's lack-lustre performance. They took 30 minutes to stamp any authority on the game, and for that period never even looked like scoring. Referee Rampley was kept busy handing out four cautions — three in the first 25 minutes. Dave Harding had a mixed bag in his return to Sydney football, being booked, scoring a goal, and he was also responsible for some wild shooting. Hellenic gave promise in the first half, but good moves broke down with inaccurate final passes. It should be said to Sutherland's credit that they stuck to their task, with Derek Trail in front and Col Bennett at the back both doing well, and in fact they almost pulled off a draw in the final 10 minutes from tiring Hellenic. I hope that the run will bring back to both sides the control and fluency they lacked today.

Crowd: 673. Referee: P. Rampley.
— ANDY HENDERSON

United made two dramatic comebacks from the brink of defeat to snatch a 3-3 draw. Hakoah played the last 20 minutes with ten men following Morrow's dismissal. For the home side Peter Wilson was in World Cup form, equalising 20 minutes from the end with a 40 metre freekick. Wilson and Coe bumped into each other as the ball floated through the air and into goal. Every Hakoah player converged on referee Sisca with vehement protest, and Morrow got the red card. Six players received a yellow card caution in the game. Down 0-1 early and fighting a losing battle midfield, United scored twice in the last 10 minutes before halftime. Alston scored with a 25-metre freekick, and McGroarty headed home a Rigby shot that rebounded. Hakoah struck back decisively after halftime to take the advantage of loose marking.

Crowd: 2,899. Referee: F. Sisca.
— PAUL POSEILLI

Whatever crime the 650 paying spectators committed having to watch the flat beer at the Marks Field after the champagne in Germany, it was certainly a big let-down and many spectators preferred to sleep in the sun. Yugal had enough chances to wrap up the game in the first half, but after lemons they could have played on for another 10 hours without even looking like scoring. After Pat Deller had netted two minutes from the kick-off, the game was dominated by both defences. The only refreshing part of the afternoon's proceedings was the inspired performance by Steve Hoszowski in the Auburn goal.

Crowd: 650. Referee: G. Wayne.
— BILL VROLYKS

Canterbury can only blame themselves for the draw against Wests — they should have won this game with a good margin. Frank Bibby, making his debut for the Berries gave them the lead in the second minute but instead of going after more goals, they immediately pulled down the curtains. With Steve Keri having a tremendous game up front as lone striker, the Berries should have given him the support which would have spelled trouble for Wests' shaky defence. Wests twice came back from behind to equalise, but then display left much to be desired. Keri, Greg and Ross Brown and Matt Gilday were the pick of the Berries while Peter Stone replacing Col Curran in midfield impressed with a good performance.

Crowd: 658. Referee: A. McKenzie.
— CHARLES SPITERI

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)				
W	D	L	F	A
Hakoah	11	1	2	32 19 21
Wests	10	1	3	18 19 21
APIA	6	2	3	16 9 14
St. George	7	1	2	22 16 14
Safeway	5	1	3	20 12 11
Manly	4	2	4	12 20 10
Yugal-Prague	4	2	6	10 22 10
Pan Hellenic	2	4	4	5 11 8
Sutherland	3	2	5	11 16
Croatia	3	1	8	7 28 7
Canterbury	2	2	6	12 24 6
Auburn	2	1	9	7 14 3

FIRST DIVISION

(Third Grade)				
W	D	L	F	A
Marconi	8	3	2	28 6 19
Safeway	7	1	3	18 8 15
Hakoah	6	2	2	23 8 15
Wests	6	2	3	21 15 14
Croatia	5	3	4	17 13 13
St. George	5	2	5	25 20 12
Sutherland	3	2	4	22 16 11
APIA	3	3	2	16 9 12
Auburn	2	1	7	8 15 5
Pan Hellenic	2	1	7	8 15 5
Yugal-Prague	1	2	8	5 29 4

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)				
W	D	L	F	A
Granville	8	3	1	39 12 19
Manly	6	4	2	18 11 16
Balgovne	6	1	3	33 12 15
Guildford	5	5	2	32 24 15
Marconi	5	4	4	21 13 14
St. George	5	2	5	24 20 11
Sutherland	3	2	4	18 12 10
APIA	3	3	2	16 11 9
Auburn	2	1	6	16 32 33
Pan Hellenic	2	1	7	13 22 5
Yugal-Prague	1	3	6	6 13 21 5
Canterbury	1	3	5	6 14 24 4
Newtown	1	3	6	6 21 21 5
NS Inter	3	8	9	25 3

SECOND DIVISION

(Second Grade)				
W	D	L	F	A
Manly	9	1	2	24 11 19
Granville	7	1	3	35 12 15
Balgovne	7	1	3	35 11 15
Bankstown	6	1	2	25 12 13
Guildford	5	2	3	32 12 11
Granville	5	2	3	32 12 11
Poone	4	3	4	18 12 10
Marconi	3	4	2	16 10 10
Yugal-Prague	2	1	5	22 22 6
Canterbury	1	1	6	11 21 5
Newtown	1	1	7	17 8 24 3

SECOND DIVISION

(Third Grade)				
W	D	L	F	A
Poone	7	1	2	25 16 17
Revesby	7	1	2	25 15 15
Armenia	6	2	3	22 11 15
Holyrood	4	3	2	18 13 13
Leichhardt	4	4	2	28 28 12
Sydney Uni	4	3	3	21 14 11
Lane Cove	4	3	3	16 11 11
Macquarie Uni	4	2	6	26 25 6
Maroubra	3	1	5	24 24 10
North. Bankstown	1	2	6	10 30 4
South Sydney	1	1	8	11 38 3

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)				
W	D	L	F	A
Baulkham Hills	8	2	1	32 13 18
Kingsford	7	2	2	39 14 14
Ryde	6	2	3	30 29 17
North Ryde	4	4	2	22 14 14
Revesby	3	5	3	26 13 13
Fairfield	3	5	3	28 11 11
Auburn	3	5	4	14 20 11
Blacktown	4	4	5	18 26 9
Hurstville	2	2	7	12 21 7
Darling Park	2	2	7	19 20 7
Earlwood	2	2	6	22 28 6
Canley Heights	2	2	5	

SYDNEY CHAMPIONSHIP

HELLENIC SITTING PAT - TWO GAMES UP SLEEVE

By KEITH GILMOUR —

Pan Hellenic — comfortably lounging in third place — have three deferred matches yet to play, whereas most of their competitors have only one or two.

Their deferred game opponents will be Wests, Croatia and Canterbury, but first comes the critical test of their ability against Hakoah at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

Canterbury v. Croatia

The only Saturday First Division match sees Canterbury, who occasionally pick valuable points on the confines of the Arlington pitch, matched with Souths, who are yet to taste victory away from home.

I predict that the game will provide a far better battle than their respective positions on the ladder would indicate.

Canterbury, with Forrester in goal, newcomer Frank Bibby lending a hand and Ross Brown ably operating in the midfield, have the capacity to keep Doyle and Co. in check for a draw at least.

Frank Brady is certainly trumps in Souths' defence, and I rather feel that use of Dennis Yaeger as midfield playmaker is fair to neither Yaeger or the team, with someone else, possibly Brian Turner, needed to fill the bill.

Sutherland v. Western Suburbs

Despite their technical limitations, Sutherland can usually be relied upon for a rousing display in front of their home crowd at Seymour Shaw Park, and Wests' superior position will cut no ice on Sunday.

With Paul Smith's leg giving some trouble, the team is relying more and more on Col Bennett and Derek Trail, and this week I feel that English newcomer Mike Dale will start to prove a force.

Wests' defence conceded six goals in ten matches, but has now sprung leak as five were scored in just two games last week.

With "Bunny" Curran ready for an effective overlap and Iswadi in good fettle, Wests should find themselves able to bring enough men forward at the right moments to score a narrow win.

Marconi v. Safeway

Peter Wilson has guaranteed a much fitter Safeway for the Marconi clash than took the field against Hakoah last week, and a big attendance is guaranteed by the return of Max Tolson and Wilson to Marconi Oval, their previous temporary home.

Although Marconi needs points desperately to avoid nosediving into the relegation-threatened section of the table, Safeway have every incentive to uphold their top-four standing, and this is one of the reasons that convinces me that they will prevail.

The result could be close as Irishman Billy Milne is amongst the goals and Ray Pocock, Eric Campbell and Alan Griffiths are also competent marksmen.

Auburn v. St. George

St. George will be all out for the two points they should obtain, but not without a good fight from the Joe Marston men.

Last week Saints, more than anyone, proved that a well-handled side can overcome even the shaking that long absence of their group of top World Cup players might have caused.

It's well worth the trip to

ROUND 14

Mona Park to see the flashing Harry Williams in action — a player who would have done us proud in Germany if the breaks had come his way, and one whom Rale Basic allows doesn't know even the extent of his own remarkable capacities.

Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic

The Hakoah side and supporters were aghast at Peter Wilson's equaliser at Woomona last Sunday, feeling that Tolson had fouled Coe as the ball was on its way in — sound enough reason to ensure their keenness at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

Hakoah's team kept building up whilst some of their main competitors were in World Cup recess and this advantage is one that Pan Hellenic coach John Calogero will have a herculean job to overcome.

It will take a blinder from Gary Manuel and Dave Hardinge to gun in some goals against this Hakoah defence.

I tip Hakoah even if Joe Fletcher is out through injury.

Yugal-Prague v. APIA

Yugal-Prague's current mood isn't good enough to upset an APIA which has eleven men giving a 90-minute non-stop effort on and off the ball.

Peter Ollerton is in tremendous form, as witness his two penalties against Wests on Saturday followed by two absolute gems against Souths on Sunday — goals that

would have been golden in any company.

Somehow Yugal coach Steve Dacevski needs to get everyone working to capacity as unless they do better in all departments they may find that Canterbury, Auburn, Sutherland and Souths scramble away from the last spot, and somebody would be left low and dry.

APIA v. WESTS 3-0

Three goals in the last eight minutes was APIA's reward for continued enterprise last Saturday. Wests' Warren Turnbull couldn't cope with both Peter Ollerton and the downfield breeze, and an uncharacteristic Terry Eaton lapse cost another goal.

Throughout the game Wests' lack of striking power was most obvious, a shortcoming that coach Les Scheinfeld will find it hard to repair.

APIA 3: (Ollerton 82 and 89 mins., McGhee 84 min.) d. Wests 1 (Gray 70 min.) Eaton 2, Perry 4, Turnbull 4, Radcliffe 4, Curran 4, Gray 4, Trebilcock 3, Iswadi 4, Lindsay 2, Bendall 3, Ainslie 3. Total: 35.

Wests: Kennedy 3, Bakaric 3, Jenkins 3, Wallace 3, McGhee 4, Russell 4, Blues 4, Rooney 3, Ollerton 4, Rogers 3, Butler 3. Total: 37.

Referee: P. Rampley. — K.G.

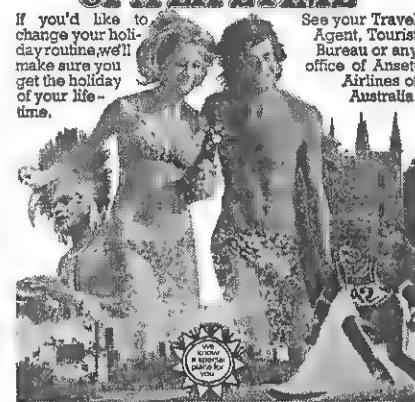


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OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Canterbury v. Croatia — Arlington Oval
Marrickville v. Granville — Marrickville Oval
NS-Inter v. Newtown — North Sydney Oval
Guildford v. Corinthians — Guildford Park

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Sutherland v. Western Suburbs — Seymour Shaw Park
Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic — Wentworth Park
Marconi v. Safeway — Marconi Oval
Auburn v. St. George — Mona Park
Yugal-Prague v. APIA — Marks Field
Balgownie v. Melita Eagles — Balgownie Oval
Bankstown v. Polonia — Soccer Centre
Marly v. Rapids — Imman Park
Granville v. NS-Inter — Garside Park
Marrickville v. Newtown — Mackay Park

NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Sutherland v. APIA — Seymour Shaw Park, 8.15 p.m.
St. George v. Safeway — Marks Field, 8.15 p.m.
Balgownie v. Rapids — Wootton Oval, 9.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Croatia v. Sutherland — Marks Field
Granville v. Balgownie — Garside Park
Riverside v. Guildford — Marrickville Oval
Bankstown v. Marrickville — Soccer Centre
Corinthians v. Polonia — Imman Park

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Western Suburbs v. Hakoah — Drummoyne Oval
APIA v. Canterbury — Lambert Park
St. George v. Yugal-Prague — Hurstville Oval
Pan Hellenic v. Marconi — Wentworth Park
Safeway United v. Auburn — Wootton Oval
Melita Eagles v. Bankstown — Mona Park
Corinthians v. Marrickville — Jubilee Oval
Polonia v. NS-Inter — Soccer Centre
Newtown v. Manly — Erskineville Oval

Brian Taylor, the former First Division goalkeeper with APIA, St. George and Auburn, had a brilliant match last Saturday and helped to keep Warringah in touch with the competition leaders.

Warringah downed Revesby Workers 2-0 at Millipera Reserve in a tough encounter in which Warringah was still goal-less until late in the second half.

Warringah was close when John Reilly sent Bob Cveticanin away down the left wing but Gerry Bowman skied the ball from a perfect position. Revesby rattled the Warringah woodwork next, and then a John Hughes pass to Bowman saw his 10-metre shot blasted wide.

Warringah brought on experienced Jim Riddings and his passes made the difference. Cveticanin was encouraged to beat off three defenders when he received from Hanson and placed a low shot into Revesby's net.

Again in the picture, Cveticanin passed to David Slade with two minutes remaining and Slade hooked the ball just under the bar. Another goalkeeper to star was Belmore's Gary Edmonds, brother of Western Suburbs' Keith Edmonds.

Edmonds gave one of the few good performances in Belmore's 1-1 draw with University of NSW at Black Oval.

Andy McMullen was Belmore's scorer following an

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Melita Eagles slides back after draw

By CHARLES SPITERI —

Newcomers Marrickville and Rapid Riverside both scored convincing wins while promotion seeker Melita Eagles continued to lose ground when it could only draw against bottom of the table NS-Inter.

There were only three — Venezuela, McKinnon, Huntley, D. McAlindon, Farrugia, C. MacAuland, Sciberras.

Melita Eagles v.
NS-Inter 1-1

Two goals by North Sydney players gave the teams a point each after a hard game at Mona Park.

Played on a heavy surface, the game could not produce good football but Norths faced with relegation packed the posts to keep Melita out.

They held out until the 80th minute when suddenly full-back Capizzi scored in his own goal under pressure.

North went straight into attack and only five minutes later centre-forward Montecinos equalised with a beautiful header.

Melita Eagles: McKeechne, Knaus, Cook, Van Blerk, Ba-

Marrickville v.
Guildford 5-3

Fullback cum striker Steve Hardy cracked in his first hat-trick in a thrilling game at Marrickville Oval.

Marrickville, the more aggressive of the two, opened the score in the 5th minute and Guildford chased them all the way.

The score was 3-2 at half-time but Marrickville widened the gap just after the break.

George McCulloch, Norm Hanlon and Bill Henshaw had a tremendous game in midfield blotting out the Wanderers' forwards.

Marrickville: McDonald, McGurin, Brettle, Pondekka, Reilly, Hanlon (2), McCulloch, Henshaw, J. Mackin (MacArthur), Hardy (3), G. Mackin.

Guildford: Wilson, Moulin (Parie), Frazer, Brewin, Scholz, Dobbins (1), Lowe, Colleman (1), Robinson, Stephenson (1), Williams.

THIS WEEK

The battle between Marrickville and Granville at Marrickville Oval and the Balgownie-Melita game at Balgownie should attract the largest crowds this weekend.

Marrickville is getting the goals and anybody who can score five against Guildford should be taken seriously.

However, Granville should keep its unbeaten record intact.

If Balgownie is to challenge Granville for the championship they have to win this game.

Their record against Melita at Balgownie is not the best and they have to put more effort in this game to keep their hopes alive.

In other matches, Bankstown should beat Polonia while Manly should account for Rapid.

An interesting clash is the NS-Inter v. Newtown game which could well change the relegation issue if North Sydney wins.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

South Melbourne Hellas are favorites to win their first-ever Dockey Cup this year and are joined in the semifinals by their arch rivals Alexander, who are also without a final win, and Wilhelmina and JUST who won the trophy in 1958 and 1963 respectively.

This year's Ampol Cup attendances were up 33 per cent compared with those of 1973 and Dockey Cup crowds so far have shown a significant increase on last year.

Five State League players have had a more meteoric rise to the top than Jim Tansey of Slavia who joined the club from South Liverpool along with Steve McCoombie at the start of this season. Tansey had only been here a couple of months when he was "capped" for Victoria against Bristol Rovers. Currently he is well up the list in GTV 9 voting for the Player of the Year which will bring the winner a spanking new Chrysler sedan car. The lad from Lancashire is a chip off the "old block" as his dad played over 200 games for Everton.

Phil Murphy, who joined George Cross last season from Ireland as a midfielder and took over the mantle of striker when Joe Cunningham returned to Scotland a couple of months ago, is proving much more than a make-shift centre. He looks like fitting it out with Jim Armstrong of South Melbourne Hellas as top State League scorer of the season.

The Victorian Soccer Federation is likely to spend the \$10,000 grant they recently received from the State Government on a top coach from overseas for next season. His main job would be to coach the coaches of all grades of soccer in Victoria — a most admirable project.

Victoria's Women's Soccer League desperately requires referees and anyone who can help out in this capacity should contact that trojan of both the Women's League and Industrial Soccer — Fred Habib on telephone number 735-0371.

Nudging near the halfway mark the 10th round State League fixtures scheduled for this weekend are as follows:

Saturday — 6th July: Juventus v. Slavia, Melbourne v. Mooroolbark, Austria v. Hakoah Sunday — 7th July: SM Hellas v. Polonia, George Cross v. JUST, Wilhelmina v. Alexander

Kevin Walker, the brilliant midfielder of George Cross who returned to England midway through last year and recently returned to the Cross, brought a left-winger with him for his side. The newcomer is 23-year-old Keith Wolahan, an Englishman who played alongside Walker in a works side while the former Darlington player was back in England. Andy Savage, the young Scottish winger who joined South Melbourne Hellas earlier this year, is now showing dazzling form after taking some time to settle in. Savage was formerly on the books of Scottish League club Clyde . . . JUST have again repeated that Branko Buljevic will be staying with the club and not transferring to Sydney. Recently John Ivanovic the club's vice-president made this clear and added that no approaches or offer had been made for Buljevic.

First Division fixtures for Saturday 6th July are as follows:

Sunshine City v. Preston, Yallourn v. Altona City, Box Hill v. Frankston City, Essendon Lions v. Green Gully, St. Albans v. Albion Rovers, Western Suburbs v. Keilor City

Mooroolbark — the struggling newcomers to the State League who are steered by former Balgownie player Brian Edgeley, have recruited a new winger from Wales. He is 23-year-old John Perkins who played for Newport County. And Mooroolbark have sold his predecessor John Howarth to Metro League side Croydon.

Seldom a week passes without the advent of a new senior soccer club in Victoria, and the latest to join the ranks is Boronia.

Arthur Xantopoulos, the promising South Melbourne Hellas defender who has made an excellent come-back after being out of action most of last season with cartilage trouble, is the son of Con Xantopoulos who is coach of Alexander.

Last week's results:

Ringwood City 1 (Williamson) b Maribyrnong 0; Mooroolbark 2 (Sinclair, Irvine own goal) b Juventus 1 (K. Webster); South Melbourne Hellas 1 (Nechvalod) b Prahran Slavia 0; Fitzroy United 3 (Raccolod, Gibson, Gillian) b Keilor 0; Melbourne 2 (Palivkas, Manson) b Footscray JUST 1 (Zoraja); George Cross 3 (Murphy 2, McArdle) b Hakoah-St. Kilda 0.

— JIM COOK

TASMAN CUP

A crowd of over 1,200 saw the Tasman Cup program at Englefield Stadium last Friday night.

Rene Colusso's experience earned Carltonfield a 2-0 win over Sydney Tech.

Carlingford, a goal from A. McVeigh and 8 corners, was just ahead of Canterbury, who scored through R. Bentu and collected 5 corners.

For the first half Canterbury's craft equalled a good First Division side, but Carlingford didn't let up and threw Canterbury's pattern of operation right up to the second period of extra time.

In by far the best match

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
SM-Hellas	6	2	1	21	8	14
Slavia	6	1	1	12	4	13
NS-Inter	6	1	1	12	4	13
George Cross	6	3	2	10	13	12
Hakoah	4	3	2	10	13	8
JUST	3	1	3	9	10	7
Mooroolbark	2	3	2	8	15	7
Carlingford	2	2	2	11	11	6
Maribyrnong	2	1	6	7	10	5
Keilor	1	8	5	22	2	0



The scoreboard in Hamburg tells the story. How many of the Socceroos who started against West Germany on June 18 will still be around for Australia's next World Cup bid?

MANY NEW FACES FOR ARGENTINA

June 22, 1974 in West Berlin marked the end of an era for Australian soccer.

When, at 5.50 p.m., Iranian referee Jafar Namdar whistled the end of the World Cup match between Australia and Chile at the rain-soaked Olympic Stadium, he also signalled the death of a soccer team.

Australia took the field for the 0-0 draw in the following formation: Jack Reilly, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Col Curran, Ray Richards, Jim Rooney, Jim Mackay, Attila Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Branko Buljevic.

This was Australia's strongest team — by and large the side which represented us in the 14 matches of the epic 1973-74 World Cup campaign.



BRANKO BULJEVIC

Their exploits over the past 16 months made them national sporting heroes, the first household names in the history of Australian soccer.

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Schaefer and Abonyi won their international spurs during the Joe Vlasits era of 1967-69, the others gained full recognition and became pillars of the national team when Raleasic took over in October 1970.

June 22 was tinged with sadness and anxiety, both of which still persist today.

For several players the Berlin match marked the end of the international road.

When the 1978 World Cup comes along, Jack Reilly, 29, Manfred Schaefer, 31, Ray Richards, 29 and Jim Mackay, 30, will certainly be out of contention, well into their thirties.

A big question mark must also hang over the international future of Doug Utjesenovic, 27, Jim Rooney, 27, Attila Abonyi, 27, and Branko Buljevic, 26.

Other members of the World Cup squad who will be too old in three years' time include John Warren, 31, John Watkiss, 33, Ivo Rude, 31, Max Tolson, 28, and Dave Harding, 27.

Australia must just about start from scratch for the next World Cup. Our position is the bleakest of any of the sixteen finalists in Germany, with the possible exception of Italy and Uruguay.

With only Jimmy Miliavjevic, Allan Maher, Col Curran, Harry Williams,

Peter Ollerton, Gary Manuel, Ernie Campbell and Adrian Alston (if available once he moves to Europe) on the right side of 30 in 1978, one can measure the magnitude of the task that awaits the Australian coach — who must again be Raleasic.

A brand-new midfield will have to be found — and that will be a mammoth job because that department with Richards, Mackay, Baartz, Warren and Rooney has been the backbone of the Australian team for several years.

Manfred Schaefer, as Peter Wilson's indispensable back-up man and towering "double-sweeper," will be virtually impossible to replace.

Luckily, the rearguard can be built around captain Peter Wilson, who in West Germany looked every bit as competent as any of his fellow-liberos, and fullbacks Harry Williams and Col Curran, with Steve Perry and George Harris more than able substitutes who will surely get their chance too.

Goalies Miliavjevic and Maher select themselves, and Jim Fraser, if his business commitments have been sorted out, need not kiss his international career goodbye.

The attack, still Australia's Achilles' heel, will

miss Alston once he packs up and leaves for a well deserved chance to better himself in England.

Attila Abonyi and Branko Buljevic, who will be 31 and 30 respectively in Argentina, will have to decide quickly whether they are still interested in pursuing



TERRY BUTLER

their international careers as will Jimmy Rooney, who at 31 in 1978, could still find a prominent place in the Australian midfield where his experience could prove invaluable.

Gary Manuel, a poor trainer, may be lucky to retain his spot in a forward line which will almost certainly feature Peter Ollerton, a likely key player in the years ahead, and his APIA team-mate Terry Butler.

For the coming Asian tour — which is an absolute must — Australia could do worse than to select some of the promising under-23s who toured Indonesia this year.

Fausto Tarquino and Joe Palinkas of Victoria, John Cinchinski (SA) and Perth's Gary Mateljan are only some of the young hopefuls who could make the next World Cup squad if their present rate of progress is maintained.

And there are several youngsters in Sydney who deserve a chance to show what stuff they are made of and what better than this year's Asian tour to prove themselves international material?

John Russell, Brendan Grosse, Gary Byrne and Paul Degney fall into that category while more established players like Joe Watson, Joe Fletcher, Alan Ainslie, Stuart Robertson, Les Hucker and Col Bennett can be overlooked in the slow, painful team rebuilding process ahead.

Top ASF brass should attend AFC meeting

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Australia's admission into the Asian Football Confederation may not be the anticipated formality.

Australia's fate will be decided at the AFC's Congress in Tehran in September, to be held in conjunction with the Asian Games.

Despite the recommendation by the Confederation's Executive in Bangkok last April that Australia's membership be approved, it will require a two-thirds majority in Iran to change the con-

sition to admit a non-Asian country.

ASF secretary Brian Le Feuvre was not all that optimistic this week that Australia would have the numbers to gain admission.

"Though we have many friends in Asia there is still a core of resentment against us which may carry the day and deny us the two-thirds majority required," he said.

The ASF, astonishingly, has no firm plans at this stage to be represented at the crucial meeting.

It is imperative that a top official travels to Tehran to present Australia's case for admission.

No one less than president Sir Arthur George or Ian Brusasco will do if we are genuine in our desire to go into Asia.

Australia must adopt new trend

— By MIKE RENWICK —

Which way is soccer heading? This question was discussed by many during the World Cup and there was an amazing degree of agreement.

Most observers believe — You could not find a coaches, soccer writers and single player in the West such — that the game is entering a new, exciting phase — you can add the almost adventurous phase.

Gone, so they say, are the days of teams built entirely on defences; the failures of Italy and Brazil, operating along such lines, carry instant proof.

These two teams attacked almost reluctantly not, as many believe, because they lacked top strikers, but because they lacked even ordinary mobility.

And modern soccer, at the top, anyway, calls for tremendous mobility, a constant whirl demanding 90 minutes of running.

Of course, neither West Germany nor Holland or Poland for that matter —

clearly the best three teams, even if not in this order — has built its game on players who can run and do it well else.

Tactical maturity

A very high degree of individual skill and overall tactical maturity must be added to obtain the right brew.

These three teams had several nominally defensive players constantly participating in the attack: Breitner (three goals), Saurier, Szymaniak, and Vogts were anything but pinned down to their goal areas.

The Dutch and the Poles were perhaps the best exponents of a new type of overlap: when the fullback dashes though on the flank, almost brushing past his own winger whose path had been blocked.

Attacks are built on several waves and very often the first, carried by the strikers is the least important.

Behind them moves up the menace, the mobile, enterprising midfielders such as Overath, Deyna, Kasperczak, Neeskens and Van Hanegem.

And when further support is needed, one of the fullbacks comes into play, often on the opposite side to where the attack is floundering.

You could see teams moving forward with seven or eight men, methodically and menacingly, all but occupying the strategic points leading to the enemy's goal.

This, of course, is anything but defensive soccer, even if one team must, according to the ebb and flow of the game, retreat behind the trenches.

Only those countries fared well in the World Cup which were prepared to follow this concept — and had the players to put it into practice.

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RESULTS & SCORERS

Marconi

1 (1)
Pocock 31 min.

Wests

1 (0)
Stone 60 min.

St. George

0 (0)

A.P.I.A.

2 (1)
Rooney 3 min., Ollerton 72 min.

Sutherland

1 (1)
Gray 34 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (0)
Barnes 48 min., Morrow 56 min.

Croatia

0 (0)

Yugal-Prague

0 (0)

Safeway

1 (0)
Fryer 63 min.

Auburn

2 (1)
Hucker 44 min., Sidey 62 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (0)
Gibson (o.g.) 88 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Murray 4, Degney 3, Robertson 4 (Barton 61 min.), Richards 4, Jones 4, Byrne 4, Sinclair 4, Campbell 3, Pocock 3, Millen 3, Williams 3 (Spargo 83 min.).

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: *

Eaton 3, Perry 4, Turnbull 4, Radcliffe 4, Curran 4, Stone 4, Trebilcock 3, Iswadi 3, Lindsay 4, Byles 3 (Bendell, second half, 3), Ainslie 3 (Mostyn 65 min.).

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Scheinfug.

Match rating: *

Kennedy 3, Smart 4, Jenkins 4, Wallace 4, McGhee 4, Russell 4, Blues 3, Rooney 4, Ollerton 3, Rogers 3, Butler 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: M. Johnson.

Match rating: *

Forrester 4, Whitehead 4, Hadley 3, Mullen 4, Guilea 4, Venables 3, Armytage 3, Angelopoulos 3, Keri 3 (Davies, second half, 3), Bibby 3, R. Brown 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: *

Haynes 4, Branson 4, Bennett 4, P. Smith 4, Dale 3, R. Griffiths 3, P. Thompson 3, Trail 4, Bourke 4, Caciola 3, Gray 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Match rating: *

Madeschi 4, Fekete 3, Mowbray 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Mackay 4, Watson 5, Muniz 4, Barnes 4, Morrow 4, Dolan 4.

TOTAL: 44.

Coach: D. McLaren.

Match rating: *

Corry 4, G. Smith 3, J. Nixon 3, Darvill 4, Brady 4, Whalley 4, Turner 4, Doyle 3 (Duma 69 min.), Yaager 3, D. Smith (Sullivan 58 min.), Wignall 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: R. Foster.

Match rating: *

Bracklow 4, Harcombe 4, Z. Trkulja 4, Velkovski 3, Rootsey 4, McDonald 4, McGregor 3, Mihajlovic 3, Serdarevic 3, Takac 3 (S. Trkulja 58 min.), Perry 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

Match rating: *

Hesford 3, Roberts 3, Wilson 4, Gleeson 4, Thompson 4, Allison 3 (Crowe 46 min.), Fryer 4, McGroarty 4, Dodd 3, Bingham 3, Piggott 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Match rating: *

Hoszowski 4 (replaced by Williamson 40 min.), Lawson 2, Gibson 4, Malone 4, Hucker 5, McMillan 4, Sidey 3, Stewart (sent off 15m), Deller 4, Keddie 3, Walker 4.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Marston.

Match rating: *

Tuinman 4, Izzat 2, Rudic 4, Bell 3, Brankin 4, Stowell 3, Ile 3, Caledon 4, Manuel 2, Carrizo 4, Ikonomou 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: J. Catogeras.

Match rating: *

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Marconi squandered a valuable point because on chances created and missed they held a distinct edge on the visitors. However, there was a marked improvement in their play and maybe the tide will now turn for the 1973 Grand Final winners. Wests, after winning the toss, forced five consecutive corners in the space of six minutes, but all to no avail and when Byrne sent Pocock away he angled a low drive past goalie Eaton to put Marconi ahead after 31 minutes. Wests came back strongly in the first 15 minutes after the break and from an Iswadi pass young Peter Stone netted from close range for a hard-fought equaliser. Both defences played well, but the uneven surface made it difficult for good passing.

Crowd: 981. Referee: T. Davies.

— BILL VROLYKS

APIA deserved to win, but the two-goal margin flattered them. Clearly the best team in the first half when Saints never manifested themselves in attack, APIA were under some strong pressure after the interval and Peter Ollerton's 72nd minute goal, which put the issue beyond doubt, came against the run of the play. Saints improved beyond recognition when John Warren replaced young Mark Jankovic at half-time. Warren linked up well with Doug Utjenesovic to wrest the midfield from APIA and the international pair launched many promising moves which the St. George strikers, for want of a better word, were unable to finish off. APIA, let us repeat, however, were worthy winners as they played the more composed football and were far more dangerous when in possession up front.

Crowd: 4,216. Referee: P. Rampley.

— LOU GAUTIER

It was not a matter of the one point, but the two that got away from Canterbury who dominated almost the whole game but strayed where it counts most — near the goal. When the smallest player on the field — Gray — headed home a Trail cornerkick in the 34th minute, the Berries became frustrated, finishing up with no less than four cautions on their side. It must be said that Sutherland fought for dear life and these two points have certainly saved them from further relegation worries this season — a tremendous feather in the cap of management, coach and players alike. Just as well Sutherland collected a maximum four points last week because from now on they are without their playmaker, Derek Trail, who returned home to Britain this week.

Crowd: 1,174. Referee: R. Lorenc.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

This was a Hakoah side which played attractive football and was completely good enough to shut Croatia out of the game. No one went better than sprightly Joe Watson, whose footwork and passing were immaculate. Hakoah made their chances, but not their luck in the first half, but they opened up after halftime with a scintillating goal that made up for all the near misses. Mowbray made the incisive cut in the South's defence, switched to Morrow on the left. This cross came like a flash, Corry couldn't grasp it and Barnes rammed it in. Darvill, Brady and Whalley did well enough midfield to hold most Hakoah forays, but Morrow scored once again. Youngsters Dolan, Madeschi and Barnes were all prominent in Hakoah's win.

Crowd: 1,113. Referee: G. Warne.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Playing without five regulars — Tolson, Stonehouse, Tuckerman, Rigby and of course, Alston — Safeway spent 35 minutes gybing into the strong downfield breeze before skipper Peter Wilson's crew finally got on top. Even then Ray Rootsey, Geoff Harcombe and Uwe Bracklow smothered their efforts. Although the wind dropped down to a solid breeze, Safeway appreciated the change, and Robert Fryer picked up the goal that mattered eight minutes after the change. Uwe Bracklow extended himself at the feet of Safeway's John Bingham when a second goal seemed imminent. Safeway all but failed from another Wilson freekick, and the big question now is whether they can even now lunge for semifinal position no. 4. Crowd: 450. Referee: B. Wilkinson.

— RAY WILLIAMS

A determined 10-man Auburn team put the skids under Pan Hellenic in a thrilling and exciting game which Auburn deserved to win. Losing Jim Stewart after only 15 minutes and Steve Hoszowski with two broken ribs five minutes before halftime, Auburn fought bravely to overcome these setbacks. Les Hucker, whose goal one minute from halftime certainly boosted Auburn's determination, played a blinder and so did Frank Malone and Steve Hoszowski in the time he was in goal. Pan Hellenic, superior in skills and ball control, gave Auburn a lesson in how to find the open spaces, but their movements collapsed for lack of shooting power and accuracy. Carrizo started some very clever moves, particularly in the first half, but many chances slipped by for lack of finishing. Ivo Rudic was solid in defence, but the whole team seemed to lack the enthusiasm required to win games. In desperation Rudic moved up in the dying minutes and Hellenic's goal came from his tremendous drive that hit Gibson on its way into the net.

Crowd: 2,400. Referee: F. Sbisa.

— CHARLES SPITERI

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	14	2	2	42	6	28
Wests	11	2	3	32	1	24
APIA	9	3	2	21	9	20
St. George	8	6	2	28	21	16
Marconi	4	5	6	19	23	12
Sutherland	5	2	6	14	17	12
Safeway	5	2	6	12	20	12
Yugal-Prague	5	2	8	12	25	7
Pan Hellenic	3	5	5	10	14	11
Croatia	3	2	10	8	32	8
Auburn	2	3	8	10	19	7
Canterbury	2	10	13	29	7	

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	11	3	3	18	10	19
Hakoah	8	2	4	24	17	17
Wests	7	3	2	20	14	17
Safeway	6	4	5	21	15	16
Croatia	7	2	5	28	21	16
St. George	4	6	3	25	20	14
APIA	4	3	6	25	20	11
Adelaide	4	3	6	9	11	11
Canterbury	3	11	11	30	7	
Pan Hellenic	2	1	10	9	22	5
Yugal-Prague	1	3	10	8	35	5

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	11	3	1	46	14	25
Balgownie	11	1	3	39	18	23
Guildford	8	5	3	35	30	21
Manly	8	4	3	33	14	20
Hawks Eagles	7	4	4	26	15	18
Rapid	6	5	3	26	18	15
Marrickville	5	2	7	28	31	11
Bankstown	5	1	7	20	27	11
Corinthians	3	5	2	21	28	11
Newtown	3	4	9	17	34	8
Polonia	3	2	8	17	37	7
NS-Inter	3	1	11	31	41	5

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	10	2	2	35	12	22
Granville	9	2	3	43	13	21
Manly	9	3	1	37	16	21
Balgownie	8	4	2	32	13	23
Guildford	6	3	5	22	14	16
Polonia	5	4	4	23	16	14
NS-Inter	4	2	7	18	25	10
Hawks Eagles	4	1	10	20	21	10
Corinthians	3	3	6	15	19	9
Newtown	3	4	7	11	31	8
Rapid	5	7	7	30	5	
Marrickville	1	3	10	11	41	5

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kuring-gai	11	2	3	32	14	24
Arndells	10	2	3	38	13	21
Nth. Districts	10	1	2	25	17	21
West Ryde	10	1	4	29	21	21
Hawks	9	3	6	20	27	15
Rovestby	9	1	4	45	26	19
Artherton	7	5	4	31	21	19
Eastwood	8	2	6	40	38	18
Holroyd	6	6	2	25	17	18
Leichhardt	7	4	5	39	34	18
Sydney Uni.	6	4	6	27	16	15
Marconi	5	2	8	27	33	12
Lane Cove	4	4	6	19	28	12
Marquarie Uni.	4	3	8	28	42	11
Nth. Bankstown	2	4	8	18	35	8
South Sydney	1	2	11	15	49	4

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	13	2	1	48	16	28
Kingsford	9	2	4	28	22	20
Byron	8	4	4	28	20	10
Pyrmont	8	4	4	29	16	17
Fairfield-Kew	7	1	6	34	20	15
North Ryde	5	4	6	28	30	14
Hurstville	5	2	8	18	24	12
Auburn	3	6	6	16	24	12
Earlwood	4	3	7	22	23	11
Canley Heights	4	2	7	15	34	10
Den Why	4	1	10	25	40	9
Blacktown						

SYDNEY CHAMPIONSHIP

APIA'S BREATHING DOWN HAKOAH'S NECK!

With APIA confirming their place as Hakoah's chief challenger for the premiership crown, I'm prepared to just about concede the pair their semifinal positions, leaving Pan Hellenic, Wests, St. George and Safeway looking for one of the two remaining spots.

Absolutely vital, then are the games at Woomona, Drummoyne and Wentworth, where the respective opponents are Safeway-St. George, Wests-Auburn and Pan Hellenic-Yugal.

Here's how I see the weekend prospects:

Yugal-Prague v. Pan Hellenic

Yugal, not much above relegation worries, are out to upset premiership contenders Pan Hellenic at Wentworth Park and a win is not outside their range.

They spent the first half of the competition depending upon Zivko Trkulja in defence and State star Ilijia Takac in midfield for their best efforts.

Now the strength is more in the hands of Ray Rootsey and young Steve McDonald. The latter's heading and tactical sense has barred many an attacker from his apparently deserved reward.

Pan Hellenic, however, happily placed with three games in hand, will need to take Yugal with care after the loss to Auburn.

Rasie and the committee planned well at the start of the year. Two of the three deferred games are against "weakies" Croatia and Canterbury.

Safeway v. St. George

This popular clash should draw well at Woomona.

After St. George, Safeway follows on against Pan

Hellenic and Wests — how about that! Yet five of their last six games are on the Coast and hope still springs eternal.

Whilst waiting for a Safeway midfield resurgence, the loss of Adrian Alston provides the club with a further handicap.

Saints are in no way brittle, and I fancy their chances especially as John Warren is back and Stoddart is on the mend.

Stoddart too often is taken for granted, but his experience and non-stop grafting is one of Saints' greatest assets.

Canterbury v. Hakoah

Injury to Joe Fletcher robbed Hakoah of that aura of certain victory that enveloped them but some of it was restored in last Sunday's 2-0 win against Croatia.

They are relishing the chance to meet Canterbury and then Sutherland before tackling APIA.

Against Canterbury, then, they have too much firepower all round, and the Saturday fans will get some joy from another sighting of Agenor Muniz, surely the most improved midfield player in the game today.

Unless Canterbury can start piling on the goals, their relegation stares them in the face.

At present too much depends upon Matt Guildea, Lester Forrester and Alan Venables, and their cocky, never-say-die spirit needs desperately to re-emerge at the front.

Croatia v. Marconi

I favor Marconi for the points in a pretty even encounter.

Ray Richards is back, and when you look at talent of the calibre of Barry Jones, Gary Byrne, Stuart Robertson and Paul Degney you see potential that so many clubs can't match.

Croatia have more entertainment value than some credit them with, but John Doyle needs to become more consistent and the midfield is workmanlike rather than craftsmanlike.

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

ROUND 17

Frank Brady is again having a vintage year, but if both Ray Pocock and Ernie Campbell come on strong for Marconi, he will have his work cut out to contain them.

Neither side is quite out of the woods on the relegation issue, and the significance of the result upon their points will not be lost on either.

APIA v. Sutherland

All those little gibes about "MacApia" don't mean much when the Maroons get under way. The triumvirate of Bottalico, Blues and Keith filled the gap admirably whilst Tom Anderson was World-Cupping, and the Leichhardt brigade are getting close to the premiership box seat.

Melbourne capture John Wallace has more than proved himself in recent matches, and personally speaking, I've been glad to see the tenacious young Alan Smart grabbing the chance to show his wares in defence.

Sutherland's hopes of a win are slim indeed, although they wouldn't have a clue of how to give up no matter how astronomical the odds are.

I don't see Sutherland coach Jimmy Livingstone indulging in the liberty of allowing Paul Smith to wander too far up front in this one. His undoubted talent for probing will be conditioned by the pressure that APIA exerts on Col Bennett in the centre.

Phil Branson and Peter Wykes, the Sutherland backs, are in for a torrid afternoon, and if they don't have a measure of success against "Terrier" Terry Butler and "Greyhound" George Blues, the score is sure to mount.

Wests v. Auburn

Wests just have to be favorites against Auburn in spite of the great Auburn wins over Safeway and Pan Hellenic, but as they lack

a power-laden attack, every game won must be won the hard way.

The successes of 100% triers Auburn so often stem from Frank Malone's brainy passes reinforced by Les Hucker's dominance in the middle, but needed is some of those ripping goals that Dave Keddie has the capacity to deliver.

Wests' semifinal dream could be shattered were they to lose this one.

The points are vital as they can hardly expect to get the lot from their opponents over the last four rounds: St. George, Safeaway, Pan Hellenic and APIA.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

P. DILLERTON (APIA)	14
J. FLETCHER (Hakoah)	9
D. HARDING (Pan Hellenic)	9
T. KELTNER (APIA)	7
T. KEMP (Canterbury)	7
T. MORROW (Hakoah)	6

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Third Division: Padstow v. Artarmon — Eastwood v. Revesby — Sydney Uni. v. Holroyd — N. Banks v. Maroubra — Artarmon v. Maroubra — Paddington v. Crows — Maroubra v. Macquarie U — N. Banks v. St. Sydney — Artarmon v. Eastwood — 1-3 3-2

THIRD DIVISION

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THIRD DIVISION

Hurstville v. N. Ryde — Blacktown v. Kingsford — Bankstown v. v. Auburn — Earlwood v. Cabramatta — Dee Why v. Ryde — Canley Heights v. Ryde — 2-1 3-2

THIRD DIVISION

Waverley v. Bondi — Greenwich v. Queen's Park — O'Neill Park — South Sydney v. Revesby Rovers — Boro Park; Padstow v. Holroyd — Soccer Centre; Lane Cove v. Eastwood — Pottery Green; Artarmon v. Lethbridge — Artarmon Reserve; Maroubra v. Sydney Uni. — North Sydney Park — Earlwood Park — Cabramatta — Proprietary Park No. 2; Fairfield-Klevy v. Earlwood — Knight Park; Kingsford v. Canley Heights — Turramurra Park.

Sunday: Artarmon RSL c. Concord — Artarmon Park; Blacktown Sparian v. West St. George — Francis Park; North Sydney v. Toorabie — Nepean Schofields Park — Macquarie Uni. v. Padstow Park — Macquarie Oval; Holroyd v. Maroubra — West Gullford Showground; Revesby Rovers v. North Bankstown — Amour Park; South Sydney v. Sydney Uni. — Boro Park; Auburn v. North Sydney Park — North Ryde Oval; Cabramatta v. Baulkham Hills — Chisholm Park; Ryde v. Blacktown Spurs — ELS Hall Showground; Hurstville v. Earlwood — Bexley Oval.

— KEITH GILMOUR

ROTHMANS CUP DRAW

This weekend's Rothmans Cup draw for Round 5:

• Saturday: Balgownie v. Campbelltown — Balgownie Oval; Newtown v. Adamstown and Guildford v. Warringah — Guildford Park; Bankstown v. Marrickville and Northern Districts v. Weston (Round 4 replay) — Englefield Stadium; Polonia v. Melita Eagles and Toongabbie v. Corinthians — Girraween Park.

• Sunday: Revesby Workers v. Wentworth Park — Milperra Reserve.

Deferred match

Sutherland 1 Safeaway 0

Sutherland moved up the ladder into relative safety from relegation by winning last week's floodlit deferred match 1-0 at Seymour Shaw Park against Safeaway United.

The home team deserved its win. It held a distinct territorial advantage throughout and in Derek Trail the locals had the man of the match.

Sutherland: Haynes 4, Branson 4, Bennett 4, P. Smith 4, Dale 3, R. Griffiths 4, P. Thompson 4, Trail 5, Bourke 3, Caccia 3, Gray 3.

Safeaway: Hesford 3, Roberts 4, Wilson 4, Gleeson 3, A. Thompson 4, Allison 4, Fryer 3, McGroarty 4, Tolson 3, Bingham 3, Piggott 3. Scorer: Trail 48 min. Referee: T. Davies. Crowd: 607.

— BILL VROLYKS



Hakoah's Tom Morrow, who scored a fine goal, and Frank Brady, the Croatia stopper who was possibly the best player on the field, clash in this incident from last Sunday's championship match at Wentworth Park. Hakoah won 2-0 to increase its lead at the top of the table.



OUCH! Even John Watkins' broad back wasn't meant to carry such a load. Some of the goalmouth action from last weekend's Hakoah-Croatia match.

INTERSUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Fabulous goal — but Yagoona wins

Peter Pearson netted Nepean's contribution to Golden Goals for the Australian year against Yagoona at Cook Park last Saturday, but the more telling attacks that came from Yagoona under windy conditions ran them out 2-1 winners.

The Pearson goal was a first-timer from the edge of the box after Dave Mathews had passed to Dennis Thomas, whose flick found Pearson at the right moment and in full flight.

The equaliser came after 55 minutes following a bad Nepean back-pass, and the winner 15 minutes later after a corner kick.

Coach Phil Martin came in as a player again for West St. George, who downed Arncliffe 2-1 at Ettav Park, and West Rose from the bottom of the table.

Brian Kasler, ex-St. George and still only 18, netted both of his team's goals.

TOO GOOD

Padstow Park proved too good for Artarmon on the bumpy Soccer Centre surface.

Eddie Murphy opened the scoring, with Artarmon leading 1-0 at halftime, but two Padstow goals in the last 15 minutes settled the issue.

Two goals came from veteran Morris Smith in Eastwood Town's 3-1 victory over highly-placed Revesby Rovers at Eastwood Oval.

The home side was well served by Englishman Vic Mankin, who played with all stops out in the midfield. On Sunday, Eastwood followed up with another home win, this time coming out victor against Artarmon 3-1.

Goalkeeper Dennis Simmonds distinguished himself by saving an Artarmon penalty shot.

— KEITH GILMOUR

OLYMPICS NEXT?

Australia may be a surprise entrant for the 1976 Olympic Games' soccer tournament.

The ASF is considering sending Australia's entry form to FIFA before the September 30 deadline, even if we have to withdraw later.

Australia's participation in the Asian zone, from which three teams will qualify for the finals in Canada, will depend on the state of the ASF's finances.

Our second Olympic venture would involve amateur players only though, there is nothing to prevent Australia to field semi-professionals like the South American countries.

Australia took part, as the host country, in the 1956 Olympics where we beat Japan 2-0 before losing 2-4 to India in the quarterfinals.

— LOU GAUTIER

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

MELITA — MANLY LOOMS AS TOP CLASH THIS WEEK

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Competition leaders Granville and their most dangerous challengers, Balgownie, retained the top notches on the table, but both won their matches convincingly last weekend.

Newtown won their second game of the season, which isolates North Sydney-Inter at the bottom of the table.

However, the big talking point of the round were the six goals (in two games) scored by Melita Eagles striker Joe Farrugia, who now heads the Second Division goalscorers list.

NS-Inter v.

Melita Eagles 0-2

North Sydney, fighting hard to avoid relegation, could only hold Melita until the interval, then finally succumbed to a well-drilled Eagles side.

Joe Farrugia, playing at the top of his form, cracked his first goal 10 minutes after the break from a cross by Paul Vrolyk. He followed this with another goal soon after from a pass by Peter Sciberras.

The game was fast and exciting as North Sydney kept coming back, but Melita were always in control.

With 15 minutes to go Peter Sciberras was sent off and the Eagles finished with 10 men.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Caprilli, Impellezeri, Thompson, Foster, Dimento, Spresian, Massi, Montelone, Ribera, Sommer.

Melita Eagles: Stewart, Van Bierk, Ferguson, Vrolyk, Balenzuela, D. McAusland, Huntley, Farrugia (2), Bankhead, Sciberras, Azzopardi.

Guildford v.

Newtown 4-3

Guildford figured in yet another high-scoring match, which they finally won by the odd goal.

With Eddie Williams hitting top form, the Wanderers were three goals up within 20 minutes, but they relaxed and five minutes into the second half were only 3-2 in the lead.

But Williams booted them further ahead and with 15 minutes to go Newtown got a penalty to finish one goal behind.

Williams and Dobbin were the pick of the Guildford team.

Guildford: Wilson, Parle,

Fraser, Brewin, Schofield, Dobbin, Lowe, Coleman (Haydec), Robinson, Stephenson (1), Williams (3).

Melita Eagles v.

Marrickville 4-1

Four superb goals by Farrugia brought Melita Eagles out of their recent slump.

Despite the score, Marrickville never gave up and kept coming back at the Eagles.

Farrugia scored twice in each half, playing a blinder all round.

Melita Eagles: Stewart, Van Bierk, Ferguson, Vrolyk, Balenzuela, D. McAusland, Huntley, Farrugia (4), Bankhead, Sciberras, Azzopardi.

Marrickville: McDonald, Brettle (Saliba), Reilly, Pondekas, McGurin (1), Hanlon, McCulloch, Henshaw, J. Mackin, Hardy, G. Mackin.

Balgownie v.

Marrickville 1-0

A goal 10 minutes from the end gave Balgownie the points in an exciting match watched by a crowd of more than 1,000.

Facing the wind, Balgownie attacked for most of the first half, but good defence by Marrickville kept them out.

Balgownie continued to press in the second half, but their attacks were breaking down against a determined Marrickville back line.

Don Shanks, who will be returning to England soon, finally broke the ice with a shot just outside the penalty box.

George McCulloch had one of his best games for the Sydney side.

Marrickville: McDonald, Brettle, McGurin, Pondekas, Hardy, Hanlon, McCulloch, Henshaw (Gould), J. Mackin, McGill, G. Mackin.

Bankstown v.

Granville 0-2

In a hard fought game at the soccer centre, Granville returned to form, cracking two first half goals to take both points.

Don Allen opened the scoring in the 20th minute and Stan Marshall notched

the second goal in the 35th minute.

Ray Gardner had a tremendous game, as did young Bruce Waldron at half-back for the winners.

Granville: Watson, Selfridge, O'May, Brown, Gardner, Waldron, Allen (1) (Biglands), Gilmour, Marshall (1), Waters, Fraser.

Manly v.

Polonia 1-0

A penalty 15 minutes after the start gave Manly the points, but the seadiders should have won more comfortably.

They dominated the game but were denied certain goals by some fine saves by the Polonia goalkeeper Szaddy, who in the first 20 minutes alone saved three shots from point-blank range.

The Polonia defence was well marshalled by the experienced Manfred Urbas and Archie Blue also had a good game for Manly.

Manly: Woods, Myron, Stocks, Blue (Johnson), Hutchinson (1), Mallam, Jackson, Crawford, Gosling (Jones), Potts, Stedman.

THIS WEEK

Balgownie should retain their lead when they meet lowly NS-Inter at North Sydney Oval.

Hit by sickness and injuries over the last few weeks, the Magpies should field a full team this weekend and look set for a comfortable victory.

Balgownie have a harder match against Corinthians at Jubilee Oval, but they should also clinch both points on present form.

Most interesting match of the round is the one between Manly and Melita Eagles at Mona Park as only two points separate the teams, both of which are firing well.

In other games Marrickville and Guildford are the popular tips.

DIVISION II LEADING SCORERS

J. FARRUGIA (Melita Eagles)	15
S. MARSHALL (Granville)	12
D. SHANKS (Balgownie)	12
M. STEPHENSON (Guildford)	10
E. WILLIAMS (Guildford)	10
E. PATTERSON (Bankstown)	9
L. WATERS (Granville)	8
G. HANN (Granville)	7
G. ROBINSON (Guildford)	7

THIRD DIVISION

With the encouragement of an early penalty, Revesby Workers toiled for the whole 90 minutes to down leader Ku-ring-gai 3-1 at Milperra Reserve last Saturday, leaving no certain road for the North Shore side to the premiership.

A caught ball just inside their penalty area after 10 minutes' play enabled Ken Thorpe to drive the ball slightly to the left of the Ku-ring-gai 'keeper, who was moving in the opposite direction.

Before halftime quicksilver Keith Leet cut in from the right wing to place Revesby two goals to the good.

Ku-ring-gai brought the count back to 2-1 when Keith Thorpe in Revesby's defence grasped the ball on the way to the net.

Thorpe, unfortunately for him, had an earlier caution against his name, and went off for the technical offence of handling.

Jim Bell was Revesby's final scorer. The Workers had a fantastic game. No one did more than Paul Fitzpatrick to hold the opposition at bay, and coach Joe Martin thought all his Christmases had come at once.

The wind was playing tricks and their home pitch was concrete hard when West Ryde sneaked in 2-1 winners over West Sutherland.

With the breeze Dave Kerslake broke through for West Ryde's first goal. The second was put in by David Zeman, after Dave Wakington's corner had been palmed out by the Sutherland 'keeper.

Their turn to come with the wind was appreciated by West Sutherland and, full of fire, they had pulled back one in ten minutes. For the remainder of the match it was West Sutherland who pressed, but somehow the Ryde-ites kept their goal intact and gratefully thanked their stars for both the points.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League fixtures for the 13th round scheduled for this weekend are:

Saturday: JUST v. Wilhelmina, Hakoah v. Polonia, Juventus v. Melbourne.

Sunday: Mooroolbark v. Austria, Slavia v. George Cross, SM Hellas v. Alexander.

Clash of the weekend is undoubtedly the game between SM Hellas and Alexander, which should not only pull out the biggest crowd of the season, but could have a strong bearing on the State League side.

Last week's State League results: Alexander 5 (Donachie 2, Cook, Adamgitis, Stogiannou) d. Hakoah 2 (Clarey 2), Juventus 2 (I. Lucchesi, Gorrie) d. George Cross 1 (J. Webb), Austria 1 (Kondaros) v. Slavia 1 (G. Webb), SM Hellas 2 (Kokkinos, Armstrong) d. Melbourne 1 (Szabo), Wilhelmina 1 (Williamson) v. Mooroolbark 1 (Pongho), JUST 1 (Butjevic) d. Polonia 0.

Take a senior side and an under-16 team on a 300 km-round trip safari into the bush to promote the game on a goodwill visit and what should you expect — red carpet treatment! Well, that's the opposite of what a Metropolitan League Select senior side and their youth team got when they recently visited the Latrobe Valley. They had to supply the balls for the matches, there was no reception afterwards — not even a cup of tea and a bun! Heading back on the long trip manager Les Shorrock was furious at the treatment accorded to his players. Seems some of our country cousins in soccer have a lot to learn.

Four sets of brothers grace State League soccer in Vince and Pat Bannon, of Alexander, Barry and John Webb, now of George Cross, George and Jim Train, of Slavia, and John and Claude Lucchesi of Juventus.

Prahran City, in the Metro Second Division, recently acquired a new winger from South Africa in 19-year-old Donovan De Serf. Prahran, by the way, are the oldest club in Victorian soccer.

Keilor-Austria, through ground problems, train at Elwood, play at JUST's ground — Schineller Reserve in Footscray — and their headquarters are in Keilor itself. The club has been promised a new ground at Keilor for a couple of years; in fact they helped build it and spent some considerable amount of cash on it, but according to the club president they have been denied the use of same now it is completed.

For the past six months South Melbourne Hellas have been scouring the world looking for a goalkeeper, and have had officials in Greece and contacts in UK on this mission as well as casting their eyes interstate. But it seems to have been a fruitless search. Recently they secured the transfer from Austria of Danish-born Frank Peterson, who saw service with George Cross and displaced Luther Kastner for some time and then joined Austria only to eventually play second fiddle to the brilliant Fred Schul. Stephen Gow, a young winger who joined Hellas at the start of the season from Scottish amateur club Muirend, went to Austria as part of the deal.

With Rothman's ploughing big cash into the State League this year, Canberra TV, who sponsored the competition to the tune of \$2,000 in 1973, have decided to support the closing stages of the Dockey Cup with a similar amount. It will be split up with \$1,000 to the winner, \$500 to the beaten finalist, with \$250 apiece to the other two semifinalists. Surely changed days for the Dockey Cup competitors, as the Cup has been poverty stricken in recent years. The semifinalists are SM Hellas, JUST, Alexander and Wilhelmina, which promises a first-class draw.

Brian Edgeley, the former Wilhelmina and Balgownie player-coach of first-season Mooroolbark in the State League, made an astute move in beating the transfer deadline to sign 'keeper Lou Ivanoff from Slavia. Nothing inspires a side battling to keep its newly-won status more than a first-class 'keeper, and Ivanoff, a former West Australian representative goalie, has given great service to both George Cross and Slavia before being displaced by Luther Kastner and Mike O'Hara respectively.

Austria have unearthed a prospect in their first team in 16-year-old Australian-born striker Ray Beiler. But whether in view of their desperate position at the bottom of the State League ladder Austria can continue to play the raw recruit is another matter...

Melbourne had only won one game this season after playing eight games under Juan Schwanner, who has gone from the club. They have won their last two against JUST and Mooroolbark since once again being under the control of player-coach Alistair Scott.

— JIM COOK

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